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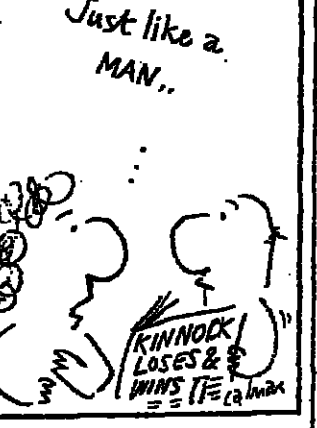
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The Home Office was last night
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Scargill wins vote
but fails to affect
Labour's manifesto

From Julian Haviland, Bournemouth

Mr Arthur Scargill succeeded
yesterday in persuading the
Labour Party conference to
underwrite the National Union
of Mineworkers' demand for
full reimbursement of its losses
from the coal strike.

But the course of the debate
at Bournemouth showed that
sentiment in the party towards
the NUM, as distinct from the
miners, had greatly changed
since last year's conference at
Blackpool.

Then, with the NUM em-
battled against the National
Coal Board and against the
Government, Mr Scargill was
the hero of the conference and
earned a prolonged ovation,
with Mr Neil Kinnock and the
whole national executive join-
ing in adulation.

Yesterday only a third of the
delegates stood for Mr Scargill
and some even booed him at
the end of the debate, when he
insisted on pressing his union's
resolution to a vote.

The margin in favour of the
NUM was 3,542,000 to
2,912,000, or 55 per cent to 45
per cent, well short of the two-
to-one ratio required to make
its proposals part of the party's
programme.

Mr Kinnock, who put himself
forward to speak for the NEC,
was on paper the loser. But
most votes were pledged before
the debate began, so that his
speech could not have affected
the outcome by much.

His objective was to make
plain to the party and the
country that the miners' de-
mand, whether approved by
conference or not, was empty
because no government could
comply with it.

Mr Scargill's main appeal was
to emotion. Thousands of
miners had been injured, he

said, and some had died on the
picket lines, carrying out
Labour Party policy. The party
should repay that commitment.
He based himself on a
conference resolution of 1982
which promised retrospective
legislation to repay fines levied
on trade unionists under "tory
laws".

Mr Kinnock replied that the
NUM had been challenged by
its own members not under
Tory laws, but under common
law.

And he had a more telling
point which made some on the

platform beside him look
uneasy: not a word of that 1982
commitment, he said, had
appeared in Labour's election
manifesto the following year,
because no member either of
the NEC or of the parliamen-
tary party had asked that it
should be.

Mr Kinnock was a direct as
Mr Scargill yesterday as with
the Liverpool Militants on
Tuesday.

It would be dishonest for the
party to undertake that people
could come into conflict with
the law, he said, and be rescued
by a future Labour government.
It was not going to happen.

"If we were ever to endorse
the idea of retrospective reim-
bursement we would harm our
chances because people would
be confused about our attitude
to the rule of law."

Three unions helped to limit
the scale of the majority for the
NUM's motion by switching
their votes against it between
the TUC last month and the

Labour Party conference (Our
Labour Editor writes).

Executive decisions by the
Association of Scientific Tech-
nical and Managerial Staffs,
with a block vote of 132,000,
and the print union Sogat '82,
with 76,000 votes, before the
conference committed their
Labour Party delegations to
voting against the miners'
compositional motion.

The four-man delegation
from the National Association
of Colliery Overmen, Deputies
and Shotfired decided on
Tuesday night, after Mr Kin-
nock's keynote speech, to
oppose the motion. The union
commands 17,000 votes.

If those three unions had not
switched it would have taken
the majority from more than
3.7 million to about 2.7 million
and would still therefore not
have been enough to reach the
two-thirds majority which
would have obliged the party to
consider the proposals for
inclusion in its election man-
ifesto.

Mr Kinnock's supporters
were pointing out last night
that two unions could have
secured outright defeat for the
motion proposed by Mr Scargill,
had not the Union of Construction,
Allied Trades and Technicians,
and the Confederation of
Health Service Employees de-
cided by the narrowest of
majorities to cast their collec-
tive 371,000 votes behind the
NUM.

The executive of Cohse last
week recommended its de-
legation by 13 votes to 11 to
support the motion. That
effectively made the delegates'
decision a foregone conclusion,
because even executive mem-
bers who had opposed the
motion were bound by the
earlier decision.

Hatton faces Labour inquiry

By Philip Webster and
Anthony Bevins

Labour moderates last night
signalled a new purge against
party extremists with moves
which could lead to the
expulsion of Mr Derek Hatton
and other leading members of
Liverpool City Council.

In a move which surprised
senior party figures, the Amal-
gamated Union of Engineering
Workers announced that it was
demanding an investigation
into the membership of Mr
Hatton and his colleagues.

Mr Kenneth Cure, an execu-
tive member of the AUEW,
confirmed that he was writing
to the party demanding the
inquiry, and, as he is a member
of Labour's national executive,
his request must be considered.
Party officials said that when
his letter was received it would



Mr Hatton facing a Labour
Party inquiry

go before an executive meeting
later this month.

The move alarmed some of
Mr Neil Kinnock's close col-
leagues, because it came on a
day when the first moves were
made towards a solution of the

Liverpool crisis. But Labour
moderates were clearly de-
termined to follow up Mr Kin-
nock's denunciation of Mil-
itant's domination in Liverpool.

But Mr Cure, who is chair-
man of the party's appeals and
mediation committee which
would be in charge of any
further planned moves against
Militant, said: "It is clearly
obvious from the campaign that
they have been running here in
Bournemouth and in Liverpool
that they are out of step with the
party's resolutions on Militant
Tendancy."

"Membership of Militant is
incompatible with membership
of the Labour Party. We
question their action in putting
in jeopardy the livelihoods of a
significant number of people in
Liverpool."

Two years ago the five

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Mrs Groce, a mother of six, in St Thomas's hospital
where she is visited daily by her family.

Paralysed
mother's
long wait

Mrs Cherry Groce, who was
shot mistakenly by police in
Brixton last weekend, may
have to wait months before
knowing whether she is perma-
nently paralysed, according to
doctors (Colin Hughes writes).

A St. Thomas' hospital
spokesman said yesterday that
she had lost the use of both legs
and had fragments of the "soft
nose" bullet left close to her
spine, but no surgery was
scheduled. Her condition was
stable.

Mr Tony Young, her
brother, said after a visit to the
hospital yesterday: "She is
obviously under strain, but she
is fighting and is doing well.
She has not expressed any
bitterness to me."

Mr Roland
Moyle, deputy chairman of the
Police Complaints Authority,
pledged that a public report
would be issued at the end of
the inquiry into the shooting.

"I am confident that there
will be no cover-up," he said.
Members of the authority were
all civilians who had never
belonged to a police force.

Texted aftermath, page 2

Mitterrand
refusal
blow to US

From Michael Binyon
Washington

The evident pique of Presi-
dent Mitterrand of France in
rejecting President Reagan's
invitation to a Western summit
meeting in New York has
thrown into disarray US plans
to co-ordinate its allies' stance
before Mr Reagan meets Mr
Gorbachev.

The Administration has also
been embarrassed by the call
from Belgium and The Nether-
lands for a special Nato meeting
before the summit took place
to account the views of the smaller
allies excluded from the in-
vitation to the New York meeting
on October 24. The two
countries are scheduled to deploy
48 cruise missiles each under
the Nato dual-track decision,
and The Netherlands has just
confirmed that it also plans to
accept them.

Mr Leo Tindemans, the
Belgian Foreign Minister, wrote
to Mr George Shultz, the
Secretary of State, pointing out
that while it was useful for
the US to consult Japan, one of
the seven countries invited to
the meeting, Nato remained the
proper forum for allied consulta-
tion on arms control and East-
West relations.

The Administration will be
consulting Lord Carrington, the
Nato Secretary-General, during
a visit here. The State Depart-
ment said that Mr Tindemans
proposal for a Nato foreign
ministers' meeting was under
consideration. The White
House announced earlier that
President Reagan would arrange
a meeting with Mitterrand at
some unspecified date.

There was barely concealed
anger among Administration
officials yesterday at the clumsi-
ness of Bonn officials in
prematurely disclosing the plans
for a New York summit before
some other Western leaders had
even received the invitations.
The White House admitted that
this forced it to announce the
October meeting before it was
finally agreed.

President Mitterrand's re-
fusal to attend is a particular
blow, as Mr Reagan was
especially anxious to hear the
personal impressions of M. Mit-
terrand had of Mr Mikhail
Gorbachev, now on an official
visit to Paris.

President Reagan has gone
out of his way to express
confidence that the French
leader would not succumb to
propaganda blandishments by
the Soviet leader.

Gunmen
murder
Russian
hostage

From Robert Fisk
Beirut

Russian families moved into
the Soviet Embassy compound
in west Beirut last night and
Aeroflot announced the suspen-
sion of flights to the Lebanese
capital after one of the four
Russians kidnapped by gunmen
in the city on Monday was
murdered by his captors and left
on a rubbish tip not far from the
ruins of Beirut's old sports
stadium.

The death of Arkady Katkov,
first secretary at the embassy's
consular section, could have
grave political repercussions in
the Middle East. His killers -
who announced yesterday that
they had "carried out God's
sentence against one of the
hostages" - threatened to
murder the other Russians one
by one if the Syrians did not
bring their siege of the north
Lebanese city of Tripoli to an
immediate end.

Already the Soviet Union has
sought the help of President
Assad of Syria to free the three
men but a threat to the
kidnappers by the Syrians
themselves appears to have
been ignored.

The Soviet Embassy believes
- probably correctly - that the
killers belong to a Sunni
Muslim group which has given
its support to the fundamen-
talist Sunni militia fighting pro-
Syrian Lebanese gunmen and
Syrian troops in Tripoli.

The Hezbollah Party of God
movement that is thought to
have been involved in the
kidnapping of seven Americans
and three Frenchmen in the
past 18 months has announced
its support for the besieged
Sunnis in the north. So the
Russians now find themselves
opposed in Lebanon by some of
the most extreme Muslim
groups in the country.

Mr Katkov, who was 30 and
married with two children, was
found lying face down on
wasteland just off Avenue
Camille Chamoun, killed by a
spray of 7.62mm bullets from
an automatic rifle, at least one
of which passed through his
head.

From blood stains on the
ground, doctors think he may
have been murdered late on
Tuesday.

The anonymous caller, claim-
ing to represent the "Islamic
Liberation Organization", tele-
phoned news agencies in Beirut
just after 10am yesterday to
announce the murder, adding
that the body had been left in a
Muslim area of the city. Shortly
before midday, one of Mr
Arkady's best friends, a Soviet
journalist in the city, identified
his body in the morgue of the
American University.

At about the same time, there
was a brief truce in the fighting
around the Tripoli perimeter as
the Syrians permitted Sheikh
Saad Shaban, leader of the
Tawheed Sunni militia in the
city, to pass through their lines.

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Paris red
carpet for
Russian
visit

From Diana Geddes and
Christopher Walker
Paris

Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the
Soviet leader, arrived to a red-
carpet welcome in Paris yester-
day and immediately renewed
his call for a return to detente,
a halt to the arms race on
earth, and its prevention in
space.

His brief introductory speech
at Orly airport, where he was
met by President Mitterrand,
left no doubt that Mr Gorbach-
ev will use his much-publicized
first visit to the West as
Soviet leader to portray himself
to the world as a man dedicated
to peace and not war.

Looking remarkably at home
amid the elegance of the official
French welcoming party, Mr
Gorbachev and his fashionably
dressed wife, Raisa, who was
wearing a smoke-grey en-
semble, appeared set to satisfy
French expectations of a new
and modern Soviet leadership.

Senior Western diplomats
yesterday described the four-
day official visit as the most
important by a Soviet leader to
Western Europe since "the
heady days of Nikita Khrush-
chev". The last Soviet leader to
visit France was Leonid Brezh-
nev in 1977.

A force of 4,000 armed police
imposed some of the tightest
security seen in the French
capital for many years, enforce-
ing a complete ban on demon-
strations, as ordered by the
French Socialist Government.

Hours before the large
Russian delegation touched
down in a Russian Illyushin 62
jet, squads of blue-coated
workers were already out on
the streets ripping down anti-
Soviet posters.

Despite the ban, several
organizations were threatening
last night to go ahead with
their plans for demonstrations.
However, known anti-Soviet
activists are not to be expelled
from Paris, as they were during
Mr Brezhnev's visit when a
number were temporarily "as-
signed to residence" in Corsica.

In a speech of welcome to the
Soviet leader, President Mit-
terrand took care to allude to
the violation of human rights in
the Soviet Union without
directly attacking his guest,
when he spoke of "the conflicts,
sufferings, and assault on the
dignity and individual rights"
in the world today.

"We welcome you with all
the consideration due to your
eminent function as head of an
ancient and powerful nation,"
Mr Mitterrand said, going on to
describe the Soviet Union as "a
fundamental element in the
balance of forces in the world".

In reply, Mr Gorbachev
underlined his desire to oppose
"the logic of mutual under-
standing to the 'anti-logic' of
confrontation". The Soviet
Union was ready for a "con-
structive development" in its
relations with nations with a
different social system, he said.

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Aids victim Rock Hudson dies in his sleep aged 59

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Rock Hudson, the Holly-
wood film star, who announced
in July that he was suffering
from Aids, died peacefully in
his sleep at his Beverly Hills
home yesterday, his publicity
agent said. He was 59.

Mr Hudson's disclosure that
he was one of the victims of the
deadly Acquired Immune De-
ficiency Syndrome deeply
shocked America, and did more
than anything else to stimulate
public awareness of the serious-
ness of the Aids epidemic, now
affecting more than 13,000
Americans.

His confidences, and politicians
as well as the public have been
pressing for more money and
more urgent measures to com-
bat the disease.

Mr Hudson, who in a 40-year
career made 63 films ranging
from westerns to musical
comedies and epics, contacted
Aids in mid-1984. After months
of rumours about his illness, he
authorized an announcement
while he was in hospital in
Paris, where he went in July to
seek treatment with powerful
drugs.

He returned a week later on a
chartered plane, haggard and

exhausted, to a hospital in Los
Angeles but, on August 24,
discharged himself after doctors
said they could do no more for
him.

In his last few months he
received an enormous number
of letters, flowers and messages
from fans all over the world, as
well as messages of thanks from
other Aids sufferers and from
homosexual groups who said
his disclosure had helped them
immeasurably.

Mr Hudson was criticized by
some actors for concealing his
disease and probably endanger-
ing the health of fellow actors
and actresses, particularly those
he worked with during the

filming of 10 guest appearances
in the television series Dynasty
earlier this year.

But much of Hollywood
rallied round him. On Sep-
tember 19 famous stars, led by
Elizabeth Taylor, gathered at a
dinner in Los Angeles to raise
more than \$1 million
(\$700,000) to fight Aids and
help its victims. Mr Hudson,
who was too ill to attend, sent a
moving message of thanks and
donated \$250,000 to organiza-
tions researching the disease.

Towards the end of his life
Mr Hudson revealed that he
had suffered deeply at having to
live up to the swashbuckling,
macho image of his films. For

the past two months popular
newspapers have reported
almost daily the details of his
illness, his unhappy marriage,
arranged for him by Hollywood
agents, which ended in divorce
after three years, and the truth
of his rumoured homosexuality.

His death comes as there
were moves in Congress to pass
draconian laws to limit the
spread of Aids, including the
closing of the prohibiting of
Aids victims giving blood or working
in health care, and the keeping
of young victims of the disease
out of school.

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Teachers likely to strike over reinstatement of graffiti boys

Strikes at schools throughout Manchester seem certain after the breakdown yesterday of talks aimed at ending the obscene graffiti dispute at one of the city's comprehensive schools.

Union leaders met members of the city's education committee and senior education officers to demand the reinstatement of 48 teachers who have been suspended or have walked out of Poundswick High School, Wythenshawe.

The argument centres on five fifth-form boys expelled for daubing racist and obscene slogans, referring to members of staff and their wives on school walls.

The teachers were suspended after they refused to teach the five when they were reinstated by the education committee.

After yesterday's talks broke down teachers at eight comprehensives in the city said they would stage unofficial half-day strikes tomorrow to coincide with a rally in support of their suspended colleagues.

The 38 members of Manchester's secondary heads association, which also includes some deputies, are being balloted on a half-day or full-day walk out. The result will be known today.

A 1,000-name petition calling for the reinstatement of the teachers and the removal of the five boys has been handed to education chiefs.

Labour members of the employers' side in the teachers' pay dispute will gather privately

in London today at what is expected to be a tense meeting to discuss a new initiative involving the dropping of conditions attached to a prospective settlement (Our Education Correspondent writes).

The talks between Labour members of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities and the Association of County Councils precede tomorrow's meeting of the whole employers' side on the Burnham negotiating committee.

There is understood to be anger among Labour members at the way in which Mr John Peerman, acting leader of the employers last week and vice-chairman of the AMA's education committee, announced that the AMA was dropping its demand for conditions to be attached to this year's pay settlement.

Until then the employers and Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, had agreed that any settlement should be tied to reforms in conditions of service and restructuring of salaries.

Sixteen children were briefly detained by the police yesterday after protests at Top Valley Comprehensive School, Nottingham, against striking teachers.

Fifty pupils at Bartholomew's Secondary School, Eynsham, Oxfordshire, who went on strike in protest at action by teachers, were threatened yesterday with a two-week suspension.

Race head heckled in Downing St Liverpool lay-offs challenged

Mr Ray Honeyford, the Bradford headmaster at the centre of an 18-month dispute over his views on multicultural education, was booed and heckled by demonstrators as he arrived at 10 Downing Street yesterday for a private meeting between Mrs Thatcher and prominent educationists.

About 200 people, including teachers, shouted "racist teacher out" and "Honeyford out" as he walked into Downing Street.

Mr Honeyford was one of about 35 educationists invited by Mrs Thatcher for talks on the future of Britain's schools and colleges.

Also at the meeting were Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, Lord Young of Grafton, Secretary of State for Employment and Mr Leon Brittan, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

The Prime Minister is believed to have called the "private" gathering because of her desire to make the education system more relevant to the jobs market.

Mr Honeyford, aged 52, returned to Drummond Middle School last week after the High Court lifted a suspension imposed on him by Bradford Council for saying in an article that the education of white children could suffer at a school where coloured pupils were in the majority.

A secret ballot for three new parent governors who could oust Mr Honeyford was counted last night. Mr Honeyford had said he would be back at the school by today in time for the votes to be counted.

The National Union of Teachers was given permission in the High Court yesterday to challenge Liverpool City Council's attempt to save off bankruptcy by laying off teachers from the end of this year.

Mr Justice Mann, after a 25-minute hearing gave the branch secretary of the NUT, Mr Jim Ferguson and Mr William Smith, a teacher and parent, leave to seek judicial review of the council's decision last week to dismiss teaching staff on December 31.

By making 31,000 staff redundant, of which about 5,000 are teachers, the Labour-controlled council hope to prevent bankruptcy.

But Mr Andrew Hillier, for the two men, told the judge that the council's actions would put it in breach of the Education Act 1944 by denying teaching to the city's pupils.

His actions were unreasonable and could never be justified, Mr Hillier said. He said that although there may be times when such action was unavoidable "this is not one of those cases".

Trade unions believed that they had a legitimate expectation to be consulted in an action involving such "massive" redundancies, but the council had failed to do so, Mr Hillier said.

The judge ordered the case to be heard as quickly as possible because "its implications are quite widespread".

The hearing is expected within the next three weeks. Liverpool City Council was not represented in court, page 15

Miners set date for ballot on new union

From Craig Seton Mansfield

The leaders of the break-away miners' movement announced yesterday that 32,000 miners will vote in a secret ballot on October 18 on proposals to create a rival federation to the National Union of Mineworkers.

Senior officials from Nottinghamshire, which has 27,500 men, South Derbyshire (3,300) and the Durham-based Colliery Trades and Allied Workers Association (1,500) yesterday put their signatures to the legal instrument of amalgamation for the proposed Union of Democratic Mineworkers (UDM).

The document, which sets out in draft form the constitution of the UDM, has to be approved by the Independent Certification Officer - who registers new trade unions - before the ballot goes ahead.

Mr David Prendergast, Nottinghamshire financial secretary, said yesterday that there was "absolute confidence" that miners in the three areas would vote by a big majority to establish the UDM. A simple majority is required. COSA, the NUM's 15,000-strong white collar section, and the Leicestershire area, with 2,000 men, have already decided to stay in the national union.

Mr Prendergast predicted that the Nottinghamshire miners would almost certainly exceed the majorities of more than 70 per cent recorded in previous ballots against joining last year's strike and against the controversial new rules adopted by the NUM in July.

The October 18 ballot is being organized by the Electoral Reform Society and the results will not be announced until the following week. The ballot paper will ask for a simple "yes" or "no" to proposed amalgamation of the three areas into the UDM.

Mr Paul Todd, Nottinghamshire area solicitor, said: "The aims and objectives of the new union are to form a democratic national union to embrace all mineworkers. It is hoped that there will be one union for Arthur Scargill and Peter Heathfield and one union for the rest. He said the draft rules of the UDM made provision for industrial action, but only in defence of members' interests and not for "extraneous causes".

Mr Todd said there was also provision for a political fund. "It is hardly likely to support the Tory party," he said.

News of the ballot came as the Nottinghamshire area executive met in Sheffield to consider, among other things, disciplinary action against a number of members.

One of the men facing disciplinary action is thought to be Mr Gordon Skinner, a former branch official at Gedling colliery, who is the brother of Mr Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover.

Miners' union lawyers are optimistic that a High Court judge will today hear their case to end the receivership of the NUM's assets. They had feared that a late change in the membership of the NUM's board of trustees would delay the hearing because legal documents were not in order.

An application for costs by the 16 miners whose action led to the appointment of the receiver is also listed for hearing today. They say that as the union should have had the receiver appointed, it should pay their costs.

Toxteth picks up the pieces as royal visit goes ahead



Princess Anne talking to a student at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine yesterday.

Praise for injured WPC

A young policewoman, on duty for the first time since having a baby was the first victim of Tuesday night's riot in Toxteth.

Woman Police Constable Jean Stewart, aged 28, who has two children, was blinded by fragments of flying glass when a mob hurled missiles at the windscreen of the police van she was driving.

She managed to keep the van under control and sped to safety as the attack continued. Yesterday she was recovering

at home after having fragments of glass removed from her eyes, and is expected to be off work for two weeks.

She said: "I can see all right now but it is very painful. My shoulder was also injured and I have been ordered to rest it." She added: "Anyone would have been frightened in that situation."

Merseyside police chiefs praised her action yesterday saying she reacted calmly and correctly in a tense situation and was very brave.

WPC Jean Stewart yesterday with her baby, Jane.

'Over-reaction' blamed for fuelling riot

By Peter Davenport

Community leaders who worked yesterday to restore calm to the streets of Toxteth in Liverpool after an outbreak of violence, criticized police tactics in handling the disturbances.

They said that the police over-reacted after the initial incidents of disorder to make a "concerted attack" against the whole community.

There was no immediate response from Merseyside police to the allegations, but one officer said that the force did not want to engage in a public exchange of views with local representatives.

The force stood by statements made during the night of disturbances by Mr John Burrow, Deputy Chief Constable.

He said that the initial arrests of four local men, whose court appearance later triggered the troubles, was handled in an effort not to provoke a response.

Later officers in riot gear were deployed in sufficient strength to deal with a spate of incidents, but the intention had

been to restore normal foot patrols as soon as possible.

The accusations against the police came in a joint statement yesterday from the Merseyside community relations council and the Liverpool 8 law centre.

They said that the initial protest after the court appearance had been escalated into a serious confrontation by high-profile police tactics which they said, were unnecessary, heavy handed and provocative.

Police said yesterday that there had been a total of 13 arrests, mainly for public order offences, and 18 people were injured. The most serious injury was to a police sergeant who suffered a suspected fractured jaw after being hit by a bottle.

Some black community leaders attributed part of the tension in Toxteth to the continuing dispute over the appointment of a (former London) building surveyor, Mr Sam Bond, as Liverpool City Council's race relations adviser.

The visit to Liverpool by Princess Anne yesterday, during which she visited a sheltered

workshop in Toxteth, went ahead without incident.

Earlier yesterday Liverpool's Anglican Bishop the Rt Rev David Sheppard and the Roman Catholic Archbishop the Most Rev Derek Worlock accepted an invitation to sit-in at a meeting of the city council's finance committee, which voted to seek a meeting with Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environment. It will demand resources to prevent the authority's 31,000 workers having to be laid off at the end of the year when the council is expected to run out of money.

A new black organization said yesterday that "community leaders" in Toxteth manipulated tension in the neighbourhood for their own ends.

The group, which supports Mr Bond's appointment blamed the police for Tuesday night's disturbances.

Mr Eric Gillespie, aged 19, unemployed, of Mill Street, Toxteth, was remanded in custody for a week by Liverpool magistrates accused of burglary

and theft during the disturbances in Toxteth on Tuesday night. The magistrates granted bail to Mr David Mooney, aged 19, unemployed, of Woolfall Crescent, Huyton, who is charged with attempting to wound a police officer and using an offensive weapon, also on Tuesday night. A condition of bail is that Mr Mooney must not visit the Toxteth district.

Two white youths pleaded guilty at Camberwell Magistrates' Court yesterday to burglary during last Saturday's riot in Brixton. Mark O'Brien and Graig Walters, both aged 17, and both living at a bail hostel in Streatham, were caught with £300 worth of cigarettes. Mr O'Brien was remanded on bail for three weeks, and Mr Walters was remanded in custody.

Mr Michael Walters, aged 21, unemployed, of Grayshott Road, Battersea, pleaded guilty to possessing an offensive weapon in Peckham on Tuesday night. He was remanded in custody for three weeks.

Mortgage rate fall predicted

By Richard Thomson

A leading building society predicted yesterday that the cost of home loans could fall by the end of the year.

Mr Bernard Rozier, general manager of Nationwide, said prospective borrowers were having little trouble obtaining home loans. "This might argue for a further reduction in rates before the end of the year," he said. Much would depend on exchange rate movements and government policy.

Hopes of a mortgage rate cut were encouraged by Phillips and Drew, the City stockbroker, firm, who said yesterday that bank base rates should fall by around 1.5 per cent points by the year end, from the present level of 11.5 per cent. Most building societies believe that a base rate fall of at least one point would be needed for a cut in mortgage rates of half a point.

Phillips and Drew predicted that mortgage rates would drop from their present level of 12.75 per cent to below 11 per cent by the middle of next year.

"The prospect of a cut in home loan rates was weakened, however, by an unexpectedly poor intake of funds by building societies last month. Net inflows in September were only £500 million, over £200 million less than the industry had hoped, making it harder for societies to meet the unusually strong demand for loans."

This did not necessarily rule out a cut in mortgage rates by some societies, Mr Mark Boleat, deputy secretary-general of the Building Societies Association, said. "If they can afford it some societies may cut their rates earlier than others," he said.

Journalists agree technology deal

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Leaders of the National Union of Journalists yesterday overwhelmingly endorsed a deal with the National Graphical Association on new technology in provincial newspapers.

The agreement, which allows transfer of NGA members to editorial jobs, is also expected to be backed by the association's ruling body on Friday.

All NUT executive members voted for the new accord except for one who abstained.

A further series of meetings is envisaged to iron out the details and deal with newspapers where agreements have already been signed.

Reservations were voiced at yesterday's meeting of journalists' leaders over the pact, which provides for "direct input" to typesetting computers by journalists.

Under the deal, composers whose jobs are rendered defunct by new electronic techniques will be allowed to apply for journalistic jobs. They will become NUT members and accept the jurisdiction of the journalists' union but will remain members of the NGA and pay their subscriptions to the association only.

GEC to shed 1,000 jobs as order is lost

GEC is to cut its workforce by almost 1,000 in the next five months.

The loss to a Swedish firm of a multi-million pound order after the privatization of British Telecom and new technology have been blamed for the redundancies.

GEC's Coventry plant will lose 611 jobs, and 310 will go at Kirkcaldy, Fife. Local councillors in Kirkcaldy are putting pressure on MPs to question why British Telecom is placing orders overseas.

Mr Richard Reynolds, GEC's managing director, said: "We have done all that we can to oppose British Telecom's decision to introduce a foreign system into the British network because we believe it is contrary to the best interests of the UK industry."

Mr Reynolds added that there was no possibility of GEC getting equivalent orders from Sweden, or from many other countries, because of protected markets.

Maxwell's retire at 50 plan

Mirror Group Newspaper employees are to be offered retirement at 50 in an attempt to reduce a large surplus on the company's pension fund and to cut the workforce.

Mr Robert Maxwell, publisher of MGN, made the proposal to the printing unions at a meeting in Bournemouth yesterday, when he also sought agreement for a "contribution holiday" which would allow him to make no contributions to the pension fund until next April.

The company has not put anything into the fund since last April, and such a freeze of MGN contributions would save Mr Maxwell around £12 million, union leaders understand.

It is understood there is a surplus of at least £40 million in the fund.

The unions have submitted counter proposals, which Mr Maxwell is examining. These include early retirement, payment of death benefits four times of annual salary, and new definitions of the terms under which benefits are paid.

Hydro board is told to sharpen management

Changes in the way the North of Scotland Hydro Electricity Board is run have been recommended by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The commission said yesterday after a six-month investigation into the board's efficiency that, while making 57 detailed recommendations for changes in management practices, it concludes "that the North Board is deserving of its good reputation for running its business well and that given the difficult environmental factors it does a good job."

The commission's main reservation relates to the way in which control is exercised at all levels in organization.

The main recommendation is that the board members should take a more active role in setting strategy and pressing for efficiency improvements and cost reduction and carry out periodic reviews of head office procedures.

Doubts on 'fair jobs' at Shorts

The proportion of Roman Catholics employed by Belfast aircraft and missile makers, has fallen since 1983 when management signed an "affirmative action programme" with Ulster's Fair Employment Agency.

The company undertook to redress, as far as possible, sectarian imbalances in employment which favoured Protestants.

The agency is to publish the results of its monitoring of Shorts' employment practices in the next week.

Mr Robert Cooper the agency's chairman, would not comment yesterday on reports that the agency last month had threatened to withdraw Shorts' fair employment certificate, but was stopped by ministerial intervention.

He said, however, that no fair employment certificate had ever been withdrawn in his agency's history and confirmed that were the company to lose its certification, it would be disqualified from contracts from the British or United States governments.

The certificate was issued to assuage fears of systematic discrimination against Roman Catholics and particularly to rebuff such allegations from the pro-IRA Irish National Caucus in Washington DC in the United States.

The Caucus first alleged anti-Catholic discrimination to try to stop an American contract worth, with repeat orders, a total of \$660 million (£471 million), which Shorts won in March 1984.

From 1983 Shorts have made determined efforts to attract more job applications from Roman Catholics.

Dr Brian Feeney the Social Democratic and Labour Party spokesman said that the number of Roman Catholics among the company's 7,000 workforce was still only about 300.

He added that the determination to ensure equal opportunities for Catholics and Protestants did not seem to have percolated down to middle management and lower, where the problem lay.

Shorts denied the allegation yesterday and any suggestion that the company was not trying to ensure equal employment.

Miss Mairead O'Halloran, the vice-principal of Belfast's largest Roman Catholic girls' school, St Louise's Comprehensive College in Falls Road said that 35 sixth formers applied for jobs with Shorts last year but none was appointed.

Laureate in river pollution protest

The Poet Laureate, Ted Hughes, emerged from his rural seclusion yesterday to speak at a public inquiry against a water authority proposal which he claimed would increase pollution in a river.

Mr Hughes, aged 54, whose love for conservation and his adopted north Devon countryside is reflected in many of his poems, lives in the area that provided the inspiration for Henry Williamson's novels, *Tarka the Otter* and *Salar the Salmon*.

He told the inquiry, in Bideford, that a £4.8 million fine screening plant planned by South West Water on the river Torridge near his home would add to heavy sewage pollution, when the otter and salmon were already struggling for survival.

Mr Hughes described the estuary as "appallingly filthy" and said he understood that 75 per cent of holidaymakers using the river for water sports contracted minor ailments.

"It is commonly said in Bideford that every visitor who stays a night in summer has to visit a chemist for some indisposition."

"The local population does not escape either. You don't have to inquire far before you hear of the disorders. This is one way in which the lives of the residents are spoiled," Mr Hughes added.

Forces get new Enfield

The first of a new fully automatic rifle, the Royal Ordnance Enfield, Individual Weapons, was handed over to the British Army at an official ceremony in Enfield north London, yesterday.

More than 400,000 of the 5.56mm weapons will eventually replace the Self-Loading Rifle, Sterling sub-machine-gun and the General-Purpose Machine Guns at a cost of £500 million, including ammunition.

Coma husband to sue hospital

The husband of a woman who has been in a coma for three years is planning to sue a hospital for £500,000.

Mr Sam Sarwar, aged 51, of Wellingborough Road, Northampton, claims that negligence caused his wife, Rehana, aged 29, to go into a coma after a caesarian operation. He has been demanding a public inquiry and has now taken out a writ against Northampton Area Health Authority.

'Kerry babies' report ready

An Irish High Court judge has completed a report on the "Kerry babies affair" after an official inquiry that involved criticism of police conduct of a murder investigation.

Mr Justice Kevin Lynch will give his findings to the Dublin Government's Justice Minister, Mr Michael Noonan, later this week and the document is scheduled for publication this month.

Hydrofoil death verdict

A coroner in Reading has decided that Mrs Winifred Smith, aged 59 of Earley, Berkshire, was unlawfully killed by the captain of a hydrofoil, whose vessel crashed with a Russian barge in Vienna two years ago.

Mrs Smith was crushed in the accident, after which the captain was jailed for five years for being criminally negligent. He had drunk three times the drivers' limit of alcohol.

Couple remanded

An East German couple, Reinhard Schulze, and his wife Sonja of Cranford, west London, were remanded in custody until Monday when they appeared at Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday charged under the Official Secrets Act.

Bail plea fails

Mr Alex Herbage, the financier, abandoned a high court application for bail yesterday after being told that he would be immediately re-arrested by Scotland Yard's extradition squad if he were freed. He is on remand in Winchester prison facing a charge of falsifying a statement.

Jail apology

The Home Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, has apologized to Gloucester City Council for the loss of medieval archaeological remains during the redevelopment of the city jail.

Woodlands

Figures of areas of broadleaf woodland quoted in The Times yesterday applied only to scrub with little productive value.

The Times overseas selling prices: Australia \$20, Belgium \$18, Canada \$18, France \$18, Germany \$18, Hong Kong \$18, India \$18, Japan \$18, New Zealand \$18, Norway \$18, Singapore \$18, South Africa \$18, Sweden \$18, Switzerland \$18, Taiwan \$18, Thailand \$18, USA \$18, West Germany \$18, Yugoslavia \$18.

Fishermen end factory ship boycott

By Ronald Faux

The Scottish fishing fleet was back at sea yesterday after eight days tied up in port because of a boycott of the East European factory ships anchored off Ullapool in north-west Scotland.

The Scottish Fishermen's Organization confirmed that a new agreement had been struck with the fish buyers, giving a better price for catches. About 60 Scottish boats have refused to supply the East European "klondykers" because, the Scots claim, they had refused to meet an agreement to pay £118 a tonne for the mackerel that are now shoaling down the west coast. After a day of negotiations with the Herring Buyers Association, and further talks yesterday with fishermen in Fraserburgh, a price believed to be higher than the EEC minimum of £105 a tonne was agreed.

Both sides in the dispute were under pressure. The "klondykers" were concerned about the value of the pound against the dollar in an essentially dollar trade, the viability of the Nigerian market for their processed fish after the coup and extra taxes on goods and supplies to the 30-strong fleet of factory ships. For their part, the fishermen badly needed to generate revenue to service their costly vessels which have been tied up for a week as time ran out and the lucrative mackerel shoals swam by uncaught.



The Bishop of Johannesburg, Desmond Tutu (centre) with the Bishop of Lichfield, the Right Rev Keith Sutton (left) and the Rev Canon Samuel Van Culin, Secretary General of the Anglican Consultative Council after flying into London yesterday.

"I am here, I am very happy to be back in London and

looking forward to meeting the Archbishop of Canterbury and some of my other friends," he added.

The Nobel Peace Prize winner is in Britain primarily for a bishop's meeting but is expected to meet the Prime Minister today to discuss developments in South Africa.

Star Chamber set to return

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

The Cabinet, faced with its toughest battle over public spending for years, will almost certainly agree today to re-establish the Star Chamber committee of ministers in an attempt to finalize next year's Government spending plans.

Mr Hohn MacGregor, senior Chief Secretary to the Treasury, is expected to report that, in spite of heated talks with ministerial colleagues, Whitehall's spending proposals are about £3 billion above the overall target of £139 billion for 1986/7.

With discussions between the Treasury and the big spending departments having reached a

virtual stalemate, the Cabinet has little option but to resort to the well-tried formula of the Star Chamber, chaired by Lord Whitlaw, deputy Prime Minister.

While Lord Whitlaw and senior colleagues attempt to arbitrate between the conflicting departmental demands, Whitehall sources are predicting that the problems are so acute that they will eventually have to be resolved by Mrs Thatcher.

The Treasury is expected to try to trim the defence and social security budgets for next year. Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, is also likely to face pressure to

increase electricity and gas prices above the rate of inflation to increase revenue.

Before the meeting Mrs Thatcher is having separate discussions with environment ministers in an attempt to work out an agreement on rates reform which can be presented to next week's Conservative party conference.

Mr Iain Lawson, a leading Scottish Conservative activist, has resigned as chairman of the Campaign for the Communication of Conservative Policies (CCCP) because he believes the party is in danger of losing credibility in Scotland.

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Rate of serious crime up by 8% after small drop in previous year

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Serious crime rose by 8 per cent in England and Wales last year to reach a total of 3.5 million offences recorded by the police, according to statistics issued yesterday by the Home Office.

The figures represent a large increase from 1983, when the total dropped by 1 per cent and put the crime rate back in line with a trend of annual rises between 1980 and 1983 of an average 8 per cent.

The figures are unwelcome news when the Government is being criticized by the police for refusing to increase manpower or recognize the extra demands created by the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. But the rise last year does not approach the increase of up to 15 per cent a year sometimes seen in the past 10 years.

Figures, also issued yesterday, for the second quarter of 1985 hold little promise of improvement. They show an increase in reported crime of 4 per cent over the same three months of last year. Comparing the 12 months to the end of June this year with the same period up to June last year, the increase is 6 per cent.

Previously-issued figures for the first quarter of this year

NOTIFIABLE OFFENCES RECORDED IN 1984

Burglary in a dwelling	16.6
Burglary in other buildings	12.6
Criminal damage over £20	8.9
Criminal damage £20 and under	3.6
Fraud and forgery	3.3
Violence against the person	3.3
Robbery	0.7
Sexual offences	0.6
Theft from shops	7.1
Theft or unauthorized taking of vehicle	9.9
Theft from a vehicle	13.3
Other theft and handling	18.2
Other offences	0.3

showed an increase of 3 per cent on the corresponding quarter of last year. The increase in the second quarter of 1985 was 7 per cent.

In terms of individual areas of crime the 1984 figures show increases in every one, with the exception of sexual offences, which dropped by 1 per cent, although rape rose by 7 per cent.

The largest increase came in robbery, which rose by 13 per cent; burglary rose by 10 per cent; violence against the person by 6 per cent, including a 13 per cent increase in murder to 621 deaths; theft by 6 per cent and fraud by 4 per cent.

Figures showing the changes during the past 10 years disclose that robbery has increased by more than 11 per cent and burglary by more than 8 per cent.

The figures show that 1.2 million offences were cleared up last year, a 1 per cent increase on the previous year. However, there were increases of 5 per cent in each of the years from 1979 to 1983. In 1980 the number of offences cleared up, as a percentage of the offences recorded, was 40 per cent. Last year the figure was 35 per cent.

Looking at individual offences, there were clear-up rates of almost 100 per cent for handling stolen goods and 86 per cent for thefts from shops, to below 30 per cent for burglaries, robbery and criminal damage.

Criminal Statistics, England and Wales, 1984 (Stationery Office, £12.70).

Spy cameras may be used in town's trouble spots

Police in Wolverhampton may introduce television cameras in town centre streets to pinpoint trouble-makers and criminals. The proposed scheme has been approved by the town's police consultative committee.

Now the West Midlands police authority and the chief constable will be asked to approve the experiment, aimed at catching muggers and teenage gangs who have plagued the town.

Spy in the sky cameras,

similar to those already used in some shopping precincts, will be erected on top of lamp posts in three town centre streets if the scheme is approved.

Facilities could be provided to record muggings and other crimes on video and the cameras would be monitored in the town police control room.

Councillor Derrick Fysh, of the police consultative committee, says the cameras would help police to react more quickly when trouble breaks out in the town.

Man in jail over woman's lies

A woman has admitted that she invented a break-in and burglary, during which she claimed to have been assaulted. As a result of her allegations a man was sentenced to five years in prison.

Miss Anne Fitzpatrick, aged 31, who now lives in California and cannot be extradited, has told the BBC Television series *Rough Justice* that the crime was "a figment of my imagination".

Her supposed attacker, Anthony Mycock, is nearly half-way through his sentence in Durham prison.

Miss Fitzpatrick's confession, and other evidence collected by the programme, have been passed to the Home Office.

Mycock, of Heywood, Greater Manchester, was convicted two years ago of a break-in at the flat which Miss Fitzpatrick shared in Moston.

She claimed that two men took property valued at £600, kicked her pup across the

bedroom, hit her, smothered her with a pillow and trussed her up by her wrists and ankles.

Mycock was picked out at an identification parade and convicted, principally on her evidence.

Two weeks after the trial, Miss Fitzpatrick flew to America, leaving debts of more than £400.

The confession cannot be used legally by Mycock unless Miss Fitzpatrick returns to Britain.

'Torment' of man who cut up wife

A husband who denies murdering his wife but admits dismembering her body had suffered years of "remorseless grinding down and provocation", his counsel told a jury at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Nicholas Boyce, aged 37, an economics graduate, was described by Mr Michael Wolkind, for the defence, as "an exceptionally calm, patient and kind man who finally snapped and lost control", because of his wife Christabel's constant nagging.

Mr Wolkind told the jury: "You may have to overcome revulsion and prejudice with regard to what he did with the body after the killing. It is easy to find the horror in this case, but in my submission it is also very easy to find the defence to a charge of murder."

He asked the jury not to view Mr Boyce, of Roman Road, Bethnal Green, London, as an "evil monster". Mr Boyce denies murdering his wife, a former nanny to Lord Lucan's children.

The court has been told how he cut up her body, boiled, baked and roasted some of the remains to try to avoid identification and dumped them in rubbish bags in different parts of London. He encased the head in concrete and dropped it in the Thames from Hungerford Bridge, Charing Cross.

Mr Wolkind said Mrs Boyce, a mother of two children, continually insulted and provoked her husband, refused to let him sleep with her and referred to him as the meanest and laziest man in the world. She accused him of sexual perversions. The trial continues today.

Caring father freed after killing son

A young father who killed his son, aged 21 months, in a fit of temper after the child would not stop crying, walked free from a court yesterday.

Adrian Murphy, aged 21, was said to be kind and loving to the boy, but eventually cracked under the pressure of being unemployed and a father at a young age.

Mr Justice Sheldon, sitting at Lincoln Crown Court, put Murphy, of Freeston Street, Cleethorpes, Humberside, on probation for three years, and told him: "I have no doubt that this sort of offence will never be repeated by you."

"It seems to be a wholly exceptional case. Your reputation is of gentleness and of a man who loved his child. You did what you did only in a fit of temper not realizing your own strength."

Murphy admitted the manslaughter of his son, Dean, on March 1 this year.

Mr Peter Morrell, for the prosecution, said: "Dean was born when his mother was still only 16. They were both immature and inadequate and

not fully able to accept the responsibility of parenthood.

"Murphy's mother, a probation officer, did what she could to look after them, and they appeared, to her to be loving and caring parents."

But Murphy was out of work, and his wife, Maria, aged 17, nagged him about money on the night the child died. Murphy put the child to bed but he cried continuously and eventually Murphy hit him two blows on the side of the head with considerable force, the court was told.

Murphy told police: "I was juggling Dean on my knee. He did not stop crying, and that is when I hit him."

A post-mortem examination showed that death was due to a massive skull injury.

After hiring the child, Murphy picked him up, told him that he was sorry, and put him to bed. The next day, when the child appeared ill, his parents took him to Grimsby District Hospital, where efforts to revive him failed.

Mother's plea to bury son

A judge yesterday granted permission for a mother to seek a High Court order compelling a coroner to hand over the body of her son, aged three, which has been held for a year.

Mrs Nadja Horscroft, aged 31, was said in the High Court in London yesterday, to want the body of her son, Mark, for burial.

Her husband, David Horscroft, a lorry driver, was jailed

for five years at Winchester Crown Court in January for the manslaughter of the boy.

But because the husband had custody of the boy at the time Mr Rodrick Mackean, the Hampshire coroner, refused to release the body to Mrs Horscroft for burial.

Mrs Horscroft said she lost the custody of the boy and another son after she left the family home in Basingstoke, Hampshire.

Roland Rat goes over to BBC

The BBC gained a new superstar yesterday to set alongside Terry Wogan and the cast of *Dallas* - a small grey felt puppet answering to the name of Roland Rat.

The corporation is thought to be paying a six-figure fee for a three-year contract with Roland, a garrulous and immodest rodent whose exploits helped to save the then troubled commercial station TV-am.

Ironically, it was the rodent which became the target of the BBC's wrath when it began to lose the battle for breakfast viewers. A senior corporation publicity executive at the time coined the phrase "this is the first time a rat has come to the aid of a sinking ship".

Mr David Claridge, who created the puppet, was unavailable for comment yesterday, but Roland issued a statement.

"I am an artist of the finest calibre and I realized the BBC

were hard up for any decent stars, so I decided it was my honour and duty to supply the masses with what they were crying out for, namely myself," Roland said in a press release which prompted even the Press Association to issue a snap to its subscribers heralding the switch of channels.

"I met this boring bloke in a suit called the Director General" - which is believed to be a reference to Mr Alasdair Milne - "who agreed to give me, as long as it was kept hush, 10 per cent of the licence fee so naturally I was in like a hot rat. Quite honestly, what with the rubbish they are putting out on the box I can't go wrong, can I?"

Observers have long thought that Roland was destined for the main networks, and at least one ITV company has shown an interest in employing him.

Roland, who is not unfamiliar with hyperbole, said yesterday: "I saved TV-am and

now I am here to save the BBC."

Money matters were kept private, though he said his salary would "make Terry Wogan's pay look like a bag of peanuts".

Appropriately, Roland's first appearance on the BBC was on Mr Wogan's chat show last night.

His last outing on TV-am will be in a series recorded highlights next Sunday. In future, he will be the star of Christmas special and a 13-part situation comedy.

TV-am, which was unaware of the deal until yesterday morning, wished him well: "There are no recriminations."

The BBC is to sell home video recordings through some branches of Marks & Spencer for £9.99 for a one-hour tape. Titles included are programmes by David Attenborough, royal tours, great sporting moments, Chinese cookery, Wiggie the Pooh, and cartoons.



Presenting a bouquet to the Princess of Wales brought tears before (left) and smiles after Katy Prothero, aged four, of Warrington, Surrey, yesterday, when the Princess visited the Pre-School Playgroup in Sloane Street, London.

£550m is spent on crisps

By Richard Dowden

Britons ate £550 million of crisps last year, nearly 30 per cent more than in 1983, according to figures released yesterday.

The report, by a market analyst, says that we are also eating £100 million of nuts, an 11 per cent increase and £230 million of "savoury snacks", a 39 per cent increase.

"Seventy per cent of all eating occasions are snacks rather than formal meals," the report says. "Twelve per cent of adults claimed to eat crisps every day." Half those asked said they ate crisps at least once a week.

But the report says growing concern about eating too much fat and salt may slow the booming market.

Crisps, Nuts and Savoury Snacks (Mintel Publications, 7 Arundel Street, London WC1R 4DR, £4.25.)

Many cold medicines 'useless'

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Many of the products on which Britons spend more than £100 million a year to combat the common cold are useless, or do more harm than good, the Consumers' Association says today.

None of the chemist's shop medicines for colds, coughs and sore throats can speed recovery from a cold and some may cause unpleasant side effects, the association says in a *Which?* report.

Combination remedies which claim to relieve all cold symptoms are "not a good idea". Often the drugs are in doses too low to be of any use, or they may have contradictory effects - for example, an expectorant to encourage a chesty cough and a suppressant to stop the patient coughing.

Although Britain leads the world in research into the

common cold, there is no single cure and most adults will suffer between one and three colds a year, *Which?* says.

Well-known brands of inhalant can help to clear the nose, but "using plain hot water vapour is no less effective and is certainly cheaper", the report says.

Lozenges and pastilles containing honey, sugar and glycerine, and perhaps a local anaesthetic, may help to ease a sore throat, but so, too, may sucking ordinary sweets or chewing gum.

Some products may help to relieve symptoms, but doctors and pharmacists may recommend even those of unproven benefit because the fact that a patient is taking medicine of some kind will make him or her feel better.

Decongestant sprays and drops can irritate the nose and

most should not be used by people with heart conditions or diabetes. Those containing antihistamines can cause drowsiness.

Cough syrup expectorants can irritate the stomach and lead to retching and vomiting, and there is even a great deal of scepticism about the benefits of vitamin C, the report says.

The association's good news is that about half of the adults in Britain may be immune to any particular cold virus. The bad news is that there are more than 150 different groups of virus which can cause a cold.

The association's advice to sufferers includes: get plenty of rest during the first two days of symptoms, take soluble aspirin, inhale hot water vapour, avoid cigarettes and use a cough suppressant sparingly if the cough keeps you awake at night.

Garage ban on MOT tests urged

All 17,000 official MOT test stations are being urged to refuse to issue certificates until the Department of Transport modifies "impossible" new regulations requiring garages to double the size of existing test bays and provide areas for customers to see work being carried out.

The boycott is the latest move in a campaign organized by *Motor Trader*, the garages' weekly journal. It estimates that more than half the MOT stations are unable to meet the regulations.

The boycott is the idea of Mr W. S. Siorrar, director of the Dunblane Motor Company near Stirling in Scotland.

A department spokesman said: "The regulations were introduced because motorists told us they wanted to see the work being carried out in improved conditions."

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Geoffrey Smith

Mr Kinnock completed the second half of his task yesterday in appropriately forthright fashion. The danger was that he might follow up his dramatic speech of the day before by being excessively tactical in his response to the debate on the miners. He might then have minimized his differences with Mr Scargill in the hope of winning over the waverers.

But he made no such mistake. Indeed, he launched a stronger attack than ever before upon the leadership of the NUM for their blundering tactics during the strike. It was not such an accomplished speech as the earlier one but it was unequivocal. That was what mattered.

The temptation to equivocate became evident later in the morning when Mr David Blunkett replied to the local government debate. He managed to persuade Mr Derek Hatton, the deputy leader of Liverpool City Council, to withdraw a resolution in response to a proposal from Mr Blunkett that Liverpool should open its books to the leadership of the Labour Parliamentary Party and the National Executive Committee.

Masterly coup, then confusion

As a conference coup it was masterly. Mr Blunkett is a skilled performer. But the effect of his initiative was to leave behind an air of confusion.

Once the books have been opened to the national party leadership, will Liverpool City Council find it impossible to resist pressure from the national party leadership for a more realistic policy? Will Mr Hatton and his colleagues no longer be able to go their own way regardless?

Or will the national leadership find itself embroiled in a futile attempt to work out an agreed policy with the very extremists whom Mr Kinnock had condemned so roundly the day before? What is certain is that for the moment at least, Mr Blunkett has muddied the waters. That may tend to weaken the effect of Mr Kinnock's direct assault upon the irresponsibility of the Liverpool leadership, which was the most memorable feature of his earlier speech.

Nonetheless, nobody listening to either of Mr Kinnock's speeches this week could doubt that the battle lines within the party have been drawn or that he himself is now fully committed to the struggle. But equally no observer in Bournemouth this week could doubt that a bitter battle lies ahead.

Courage and conviction

Some right-wingers seem to believe that the influence of the hard left will now waver. That seems to me to be too sanguine. One only had to watch the eagerness of Mr Ron Todd, the leader of the largest union in the country, the Transport and General Workers, to get to the rostrum yesterday morning to declare his support for Mr Scargill, to appreciate the difficulties in store.

Even if the moderate forces re-establish the control of the party, that will not assure an election victory for Labour. But this is a necessary condition if the party is to have a chance, and it cannot be met without a leader who is prepared to stand up to the left.

The best news for Labour this week is that Mr Kinnock is such a leader. One may not always agree with him, but he has shown that he has convictions and the courage to fight for them.

Scargill wins strike cash battle

Reports by Robert Morgan, John Winder, Stephen Goodwin, Howard Underwood and Barbara Day

The National Union of Mineworkers won by 630,000 votes its resolution calling on the next Labour Government to legislate to reimburse the union for monies forfeited in fines and sequestration during the miners' strike. The voting was 3,542,000 votes to 2,912,000, a much smaller majority than had been predicted.

Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the NUM, moving the composite resolution, said that if it was right for a Conservative Government to introduce retrospective legislation to compensate men who had refused to join a union where a closed shop agreement existed, the Labour Party could give a commitment backing the policy of the Trades Union Congress.

Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Labour Party, replying for the National Executive Committee who wanted the resolution remitted, said that by their own actions the NUM had ensured that they would face crippling damages.

Opening the debate, Mr Scargill said that he was moving the motion against a background of malicious hysteria whipped up by Fleet Street and, sadly, aided and abetted by sections within the Labour Party.

"I feel it is tragic that in 1985 we find ourselves embroiled in a major debate on the issue of retrospective legislation which has already won the support of this party on a previous occasion."

"I want to warn this conference that if at today's debate it fails to support this particular motion it will make an absolute mockery of last year's standing ovations in support of miners, the women's support groups and the historical struggle to save jobs and communities."

He said he was advised that the NEC supported the review of all cases of jailed miners and the reinstatement of dismissed miners.

"When we met the party leadership we were told that the real issue, indeed the only issue, was the question of retrospective legislation and the reimbursement of funds confiscated by fines, sequestration and receivership."

"I find that incredible, if for no other reason than in 1982 this party conference, by a majority of 6 million to 66,000, passed a resolution accepting the principle of retrospective legislation to reimburse trade unionists fined in this way."

"Surely if it was right in 1982, it is right in 1985, after the miners have been battered by the Tory Government."

Mr Scargill said: "There is a class issue at stake here. Our union has been hijacked and it does so at its cost."

"There is nothing peculiar or strange about introducing retrospective legislation. There is nothing peculiar or strange about giving commitment to

the trade union movement who find themselves at the wrong end of Tory legislation, or at the wrong end of laws that are designed clearly to attack the basic democracy of unions. Why is it in 1985 that there is even a debate about this issue? Surely we determine the principle in 1982. Why then in 1985 cannot we reaffirm that position without question?"

"Comrades, in a speech yesterday it was said that principle without power is sterile. As a socialist all my life I also urge that power without principle for socialists is unthinkable. (Loud applause.)"

"During the dispute 11,000 miners were arrested, 7,000 NUM members were injured, 11 people died, including four on picket lines, in the struggle to save jobs, pits and communities," he said.

"These people suffered in that way not because they were some mindless militants but because they were carrying out the policies of the TUC carrying out the policies of the Labour Party. I ask this party to give its commitment to them as they gave it to you," Mr Scargill said.

Law was used as weapon of State?

The motion was seconded by Mr Bob Young of Dunfermline West. A miner who was dismissed. He said: "I have two children and their future is what I fight for and what I work for. I know their future depends on the kind of world they are brought up in."

The miners' strike marked a turning point in British history. "It proved to people you do have an alternative to closures, close-downs and mass unemployment that alternative is to fight for your jobs, fight against closures."

Mr Chris Dodwell, Spelthorne, opposing the resolution, said that the Labour Party must believe in obeying the law. You could not break laws because they were Tory laws, because you could not stop the Tories doing the same.

They had to consider how such a commitment would affect people they needed to vote for them.

"We know there is general opposition to defying the law among the public at large. We know what an electoral gift it would be to our enemies."

Ms Diane Abbott, Westminster North, said that she was there with a clear mandate to support the miners absolutely.

A lot would be heard from the platform about the rule of law. Did these people not understand that the law was not used impartially during the miners' strike but as it was used in Ireland and against the black community as a weapon of the state against the working class?

Mr Eric Hammond, Electric



Scargill, winner by a short head.

cal, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union said that the NUM was not financially crippled by Tory industrial legislation but by miners seeking to ignore their own rules. The effect of this motion was to indemnify the NUM leadership and encourage them to disregard the genuine complaints of their members.

There was uproar when Mr Hammond said: "Miners were no more defeated than were their gallant comrades on the Somme. They were lions led by donkeys."

"Trade union leaders are important people, but above all of us is the law and the individual's right to challenge every authority through the law. If we convince British trade unionists that we are prepared to allow trade union bosses to operate without penalty from the law they will rightly reject us," he said.

Mr David Bassett, general secretary of GMBATU, opposing the motion, said that they should forget the excitement for a moment and ask themselves one simple, sober question: "Who will we help if we pass this composite?" (protests).

"We will not help the miners. No party before an election, no government after an election, can edge itself to reimburse a union for unknown amounts for unspecified offences against unidentified laws and pro-

cedures. They cannot, they should not and they would not do that, and the Labour party, if it aspires to office, cannot, should not and will not do that," he said.

Time bomb under the party?

"We would be placing a time bomb under the party itself, a bomb timed to go off in the next election in two years' time."

There were loud and prolonged protests when Mr Alan Hadden, the conference chairman, said that the debate was running more than 15 minutes over the time allowed and he would not call any more speakers from the floor. He was shouted down when he said he had tried to balance the debate and, when protests continued, he said he would call one more speaker.

Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the TGWU, came to the rostrum and declared to loud cheers that he was supporting the composite motion. He did not believe that passing the motion would impair the future of a Labour government.

"I take no joy in standing here and saying different to people on the platform. I want a Labour government. I want a socialist government. But I will not betray the NUM to get it."

I have heard reference this morning to lions being led by donkeys. I am an animal lover and I prefer donkeys to jackals, he said (cheers).

Mr Kinnock who rose to a mixture of booing and applause, said that there were no jackals or donkeys in the movement, only people.

This was a very basic debate for the movement, and one that they had got to resolve not only here but in the course of the next two years, at the general election and beyond. They should try to conduct the conference on the basis of fraternity.

He said that the NEC was asking the NUM to remit the resolution on the grounds that the executive supported the first part, referring to a review, and it supported the second part referring to the reinstatement of victimized miners, but it opposed the third part, calling for retrospective reimbursement. (Cries of "shame").

The review would take place in any event. It was a normal part of judicial procedure. Reinstatement should not wait until the next Labour government. The overwhelming majority of those who had not been reinstated were men who had not been found guilty of any crime.

Justice demanded that the efforts which had already gone into trying to secure reinstatement for the victimized miners, many of them successful, must continue now, and if, by the time they got a Labour government at the next general election, there were still men who had not committed any crime and did not merit the punishment of continual unemployment, all pressure and influence would be brought to bear to see they were justly restored to proper status in their jobs, he said.

Mr Scargill had said that reinstatement was a matter of established policy, established presumably in 1982. That resolution was irrelevant to the procedures which had inflicted such damage on the NUM.

The 1982 resolution had not been put in the following election manifesto and no one in the NEC or parliamentary party committee had asked that it should be.

"This is the choice: do we warm ourselves at the glow of warm promises in conference and then hope when we come to make the manifestos that somehow the electorate are going to forget, in the meantime, just as conveniently as people on the NEC and those in the parliamentary party can forget the promises the conference gave them?"

It would be dishonest for the party to give an undertaking that somehow people could come into conflict with the common law, the civil law, or the criminal law, and that cavalry, in the form of a future Labour government, could pick up the tab. That would not happen and anyone who said

that it would, would not convince the British people.

"The miners certainly needed help, he said, speaking as the MP for a mining constituency."

The way to help the miners was by getting a Labour government which would give better priority to the industry, giving it proper investment, and, if pits were exhausted, alternative employment. That government would replace the current leader of the coal board.

"If we were ever to endorse the idea of retrospective reimbursement we would, harm our chances because people would be confused about our attitude to the rule of law, and that would give heavy calibre ammunition to our enemies to misrepresent and defame us and demolish the hope the miners have of getting a Labour government," he said (cheers and boos).

He asked conference to decide the issue on right and wrong: the wrong of making false promises to those who had endured continual suffering and give the impression that they were prepared to extend immunity. That would be to imitate the tactics of the Tories and their corrupt attitude. It was not his socialism.

"Let us now come to the vote. I ask only one thing - as you vote, be sure that you can convincingly justify the way

you vote, not here in the tight comfortable warm circles of the Labour party conference but in the street to your neighbours, at work, wherever you go."

He asked that if the NUM did not agree to remit, the motion should be opposed so that the miners could be helped.

Mr Scargill said that he could not agree to remit, because the arguments of "the platform" were inaccurate. The NUM was in receivership, not because of the 1980, 1982 or 1984 legislation or simply under common law, but of the almighty blunder of the 1974 Labour Government.

Secondly, there was a class issue at stake. At this point he was stopped and the motion was put to a card vote, amid cheers and counter-cheers.

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CONFERENCE NOTEBOOK

The walk to the conference was more exhausting than ever. Liverpool - having been plunged into the limelight were loth to leave it; loth to stand aside for the miners' lamp. They manned the barricades to deluge delegates with chants through loudspeakers and with newspapers denouncing Kinnock for "doing the Tories' dirty work", and for being "the biggest traitor since Ramsay MacDonald."

They had to let up in the end. We'd all come for the High Noon shoot-out: the gladiatorial contest. What we got was an odd sort of ballfight. We start there were two matadors. There was matador Kinnock, in a shimmering new red cloak to replace the old one smeared with fudge; and there was matador Scargill, wearing his old cloak. It might be tatty, but the colour was clear enough and anyway he couldn't afford a new one his funds having been taken away.

The rules were odd, too. Matador S got at the bull first but labourer under a handicap: he was allowed only five minutes. Matador K on the other hand got 16 minutes. In between various picadors, supporters of each, got a chance to throw a dart. The spectators were noisy, which is just the kind of behaviour you expect from the ringside.

The umpire got hurt. His name was Alan Hadden and he seemed to be chewing for some of the time - glucose for energy perhaps or tranquillizers? He was allotted the task on the principle of Buggins' turn.

It was not a good advertisement for such a procedure: he lost control of the proceedings several times. There were cries of "get a grip Alan" from various quarters, but he didn't and he let the crowd overwhelm and overrule him.

The contest lasted for one and a half hours and at one point he tried to draw things to a close, but the crowd accused him of bias and bayed for picador Ron Todd to be allowed into the ring and they bayed until they got their way.

At the end Hadden, wanting revenge, got a sidesman to announce that only delegates in the crowd were allowed to heckle: he was asked to agree to heckle, but visitors were not allowed to participate at all. The visitors laughed. By then they had an hour and a half showing themselves into a frenzy. Umpire Hadden had better retire.

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Hatton backs down for sake of unity

A dramatic last-minute intervention by Mr Derek Hatton, deputy leader of Liverpool City Council, led to the withdrawal yesterday of a motion pledging industrial action in defence of councillors who had had legal action taken against them. He was responding to an appeal by Mr David Blunkett, leader of the National Executive Committee.

Mr Hatton said that he had made the decision in the interests of unity and to defeat the Tories.

The motion, which he had moved earlier, would have welcomed the stand by Labour local authorities against rate-capping laws and dictatorial measures against local government.

It called on the next Labour government to ensure that local democracy was restored and all cuts in local authority expenditure caused by Tory policies reversed.

It went on: "Any charges of financial penalties against any councillor who have made a stand shall be wiped out", and added that disqualifications from office should be removed.

Mr Hatton said that he had come to the conference expect-

ing it to salute the stand taken by the council and its achievements.

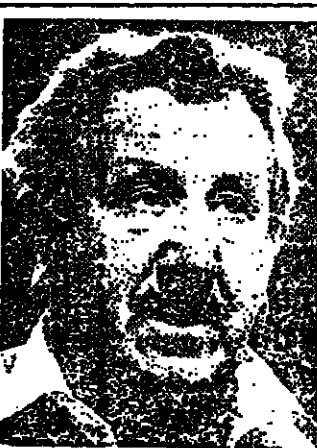
In Liverpool, there had been a choice between taking a stand or making 5,000 workers redundant and putting up the rates by 200 per cent. After full consultation with the entire Labour movement in Liverpool, they decided to take a stand.

Mr Blunkett, leader of Sheffield City Council, for the NEC, said that all should join in trying to find a way in which they could support Liverpool in finding a solution. He asked Labour councillors there to open up the books, not to Kenneth Baker or the district auditor, but to the party.

Because he and the NEC believed it would take them forward, he asked for the motion to be withdrawn.

Mr Hatton ran to the rostrum and said: "The answer is quite simple. In order that unity can happen as a result of the conference and to make sure we go out and defeat the Tory party, the answer is 'yes'."

"That is not a victory for Militant. It is a victory for commonsense," Mr Blunkett said.



Mr Slater: "Warrior of the rainbow".

Nuclear power 'no'

A resolution calling for a halt to Britain's nuclear power programme and the phasing out of all existing plants was carried against the advice of the National Executive Committee.

The resolution, passed by 3,902,000 votes to 2,400,000 - a majority of 1,594,000 - also instructs the next Labour Government to fund the desulphurization of coal to solve the acid rain problem.

It advocates more money for research into alternative energy.

Mr Michael Malina, Enfield North, moving the fuel motion, said one Sizewell would pay for

the desulphurization fixtures of all coal-fired power stations. "We could stop Sizewell and acid rain at one stroke."

Mr Jim Slater, general secretary of the National Union of Seamen, describing himself as "an unashamed warrior of the rainbow", supported the motion. He said it was important to remember that even if it was passed the nuclear industry would not close overnight.

The de-commissioning would create 48,000 tonnes of radioactive waste which would have to be safeguarded for thousands of years.

Move to attract rural voters

Delegates have called on the party to develop and publicize policies attractive to the rural population and on the next Labour Government to reintroduce the rating of Agricultural land and buildings to provide funds to alleviate on rural deprivation. A composite motion was carried overwhelmingly.

Conference also agreed to ask the NEC to draw up a programme for a controlled reduction in intensive farming

and also to start planning a programme of alternative, natural, ecologically acceptable and more humane farming to return more workers to the land.

Mr Jack Boddy, TGWU, agricultural and allied workers section, said in moving the composite resolution that if Labour was to form the next government it must have a policy which would appeal to the rural community and ensure that this policy was publicized as widely and effectively as possible.

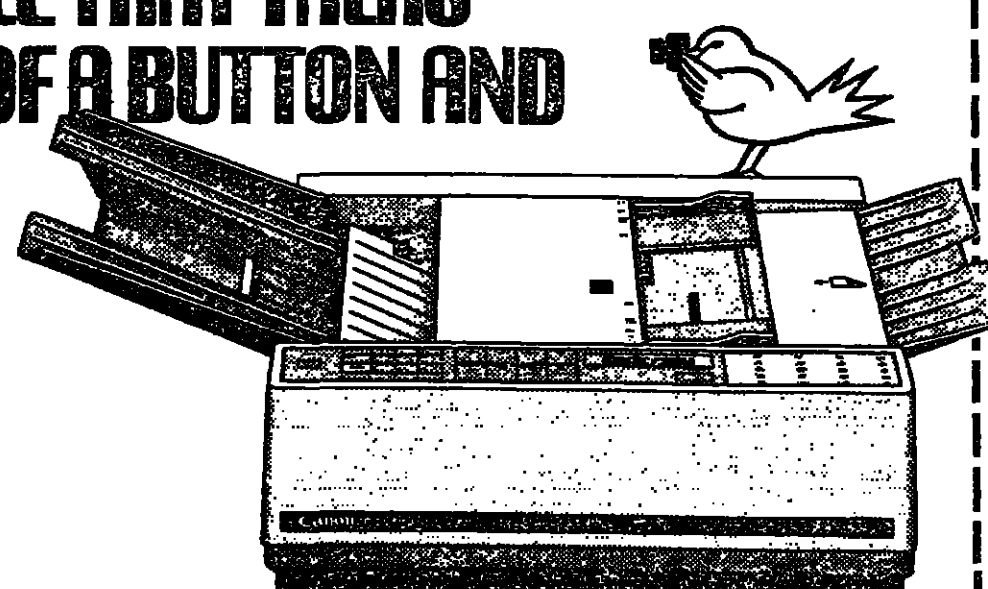
Miss Joan Maynard, MP for Sheffield, Brightside, who replied for the NEC, said in recommending acceptance of both resolutions that a Bill was needed to bring all agricultural tied cottages into the ownership of the local authorities.

There should be no sale of council houses in rural or other areas. With too few houses already it was necessary to build more houses to rent. The national executive was in favour of rating agricultural land and buildings.

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Early releases no answer to record prison population, minister says

Britain's prison population is likely to soar again beyond 48,000 by December, the boards of visitors were told yesterday.

The Government, however, is not prepared to impose arbitrary cuts on the prison population as a solution to overcrowding, Lord Glenarthur, a Home Office junior minister, told the boards' annual conference in London.

He said that the Government would not interfere with the sentencing process or resort to executive release - an emergency measure provided by Parliament in 1982.

Prison places would be found for all those sentenced to custody, Lord Glenarthur said. "That is a central plank of our policy."

Prison planning would be based on a return to the August peak of 48,000, "and possibly beyond," he said and emphasised the problems of overcrowding. Nearly 5,000 prisoners were living three to a cell without integral sanitation in cells designed for one prisoner.

Nearly a third of prisoners were housed in Victorian prisons or converted camps, and still had to cope with the degrading daily ritual of slopping-out.

The building programme had

Breakfast time at Pucklechurch remand centre near Bristol turned into a fight which left five prisoner officers injured.

About 40 inmates flung bowls of porridge at each other when prison officers moved in to stop a squabble. Five officers were taken to hospital. One had been knocked unconscious. Four were sent home after treatment.

The governor of the centre is investigating the cause of the incident on Tuesday, which caused prisoners to arrive late for court appearances.

Mr Frank Harris, a magistrate and chairman of the Board of Visitors for Reading prison, said yesterday that the prison had to cope with a rising population of 306 when it had facilities for only 177 prisoners and a 30 per cent shortage of prison officers.

Mr Bob Minto, a magistrate and chairman of the Board of Visitors for Winchester prison, said that the prison had 650 adult prisoners when it should only have 440. He was particularly worried about the overcrowding of young offenders in the remand centre at Winchester.

Both men welcomed the Government's attempts to improve conditions.

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would provide about 11,700 extra places, and offered the possibility of an end to overcrowding by about the end of this decade, he said. The minister also spoke about the need to improve prison conditions for female prisoners, particularly in mother-and-baby units and psychiatric wings.

The average number of women and girls in custody in England and Wales in 1984 was just under 1,500 less than 5 per cent of the total prison population.

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Clubs bring hope for long-term unemployed

By Michael Horsnell

Tim Schroder, aged 22, a shy young man from Chingford in east London, had been unemployed for three years when he joined the Manpower Services Commission's revolutionary new "jobclub" at the Jobcentre in Walthamstow near by.

At first he sheltered in a corner of the club's second-floor office as he found it difficult to communicate with other long-term unemployed.

But after a few days he overcame his diffidence and volunteered to play the part of a supermarket personnel officer at mock interviews. Then he reversed roles to apply for a "job" himself.

Mr Schroder has no educational qualifications but has used his new skills and learnt to make use of the free telephone, stationery, photocopying facilities and advice at the jobclub.

On Monday he will start work at a supermarket as a general assistant on £7.7 a week, his job hunt now over.

His success is regarded by the Walthamstow jobclub, set up in January as one of the MSC's three prototype centres to help the long-term unemployed, as one of its greatest achievements. Of the 93 men and women who have joined the club 74 are working.

The success of the centres at Walthamstow, Durham and Middlesbrough has led Mr Kenneth Clarke, Paymaster-



Miss Janice Crosswell (centre) leader of Walthamstow jobclub, which is helping to find work for some of east London's unemployed (Photograph: Steve Blogg).

General, to announce this week that a chain of 200 jobclubs will be established throughout the country by the end of next year.

The measure, initiated by Lord Young of Graffham who took over as Secretary of State for Employment in the recent Cabinet reshuffle, will be based on existing Jobcentres and funded by the MSC budget of £134 million for such centres.

Treatment of immigrants at airports to improve

By Our Parliamentary Staff

Criticism of the treatment of immigrants at British airports has prompted the Government to promise urgent action to improve the overcrowded facilities.

It has agreed to the Home Affairs Select Committee's demand for better detention facilities at Heathrow to be treated as "a priority matter". Ways of providing more space for immigrants at Heathrow and Gatwick will also be considered.

But the Government did not accept all the recommendations of the backbench committee. It rejected a call for a code of practice on the way those trying to bring friends and relatives into Britain were questioned, and "repetitive interviews" of those sponsors. The UK Immigration Advisory Service said a common complaint was that sponsors were "made to feel like criminals."

But the Government conceded: "Sponsors legitimately in the UK should not be questioned in such a way as to make them feel that doubt is being cast on their right to be in the country."

The way confessions were obtained from illegal immigrants was also criticized by the committee. The Government agreed to a review, while pointing out that changes could prolong an interview.

Home prices rise by 3% in busier market

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

House prices increased by an average of 3 per cent in England and Wales during the third quarter of the year, according to a survey by the Financial Weekly and Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers, published today.

Activity in the housing market has in general increased during the quarter. However, lower interest rates and greater stability have encouraged more sellers to come on the market, and this has held down the rate of price increases.

The 3 per cent increase compares with increases of 2.1 per cent and 2.2 per cent recorded for the first two quarters, and survey shows that house prices are now 8.7 per cent above the level of a year ago.

Increases during the third quarter were greatest in the South-east (3.6 per cent), the West (3.5 per cent) and the Midlands (3.2 per cent), while there was much less activity in the North-west (1.7 per cent) particularly in urban areas where the recession continues.

Saxon find

Builders have unearthed the skeletons of three Saxon warriors, believed to be 1,400 years old, in the garden of a house at Brighton, Sussex.

Solicitors shun new prosecution service

Prosecuting solicitors are refusing to co-operate with the Director of Public Prosecutions over their transfer to the new Crown prosecution service.

Unhappy at the alleged lack of consultation over the transfer, 100 delegates representing 31 branches of Nalco, the prosecuting solicitors' negotiating body, voted at a national delegate conference in London yesterday for a policy of non-cooperation.

The solicitors hope the move will slow down the proposed transfer and force the DPP to seek their views.

They fear the transfer will damage their career structure, lead to lower salaries and mean a lower calibre of recruit into the service. Solicitors are understood to be leaving the service already.

It was decided at the conference that Nalco, which represents more than half of the 1,500 solicitors working in the

service, should seek a meeting with the Home Secretary to discuss the matter.

The transfer, proposed under the Prosecution of Offenders Act, 1985, is due to be complete in the metropolitan authorities by next April and in the non-metropolitan authorities six months later.

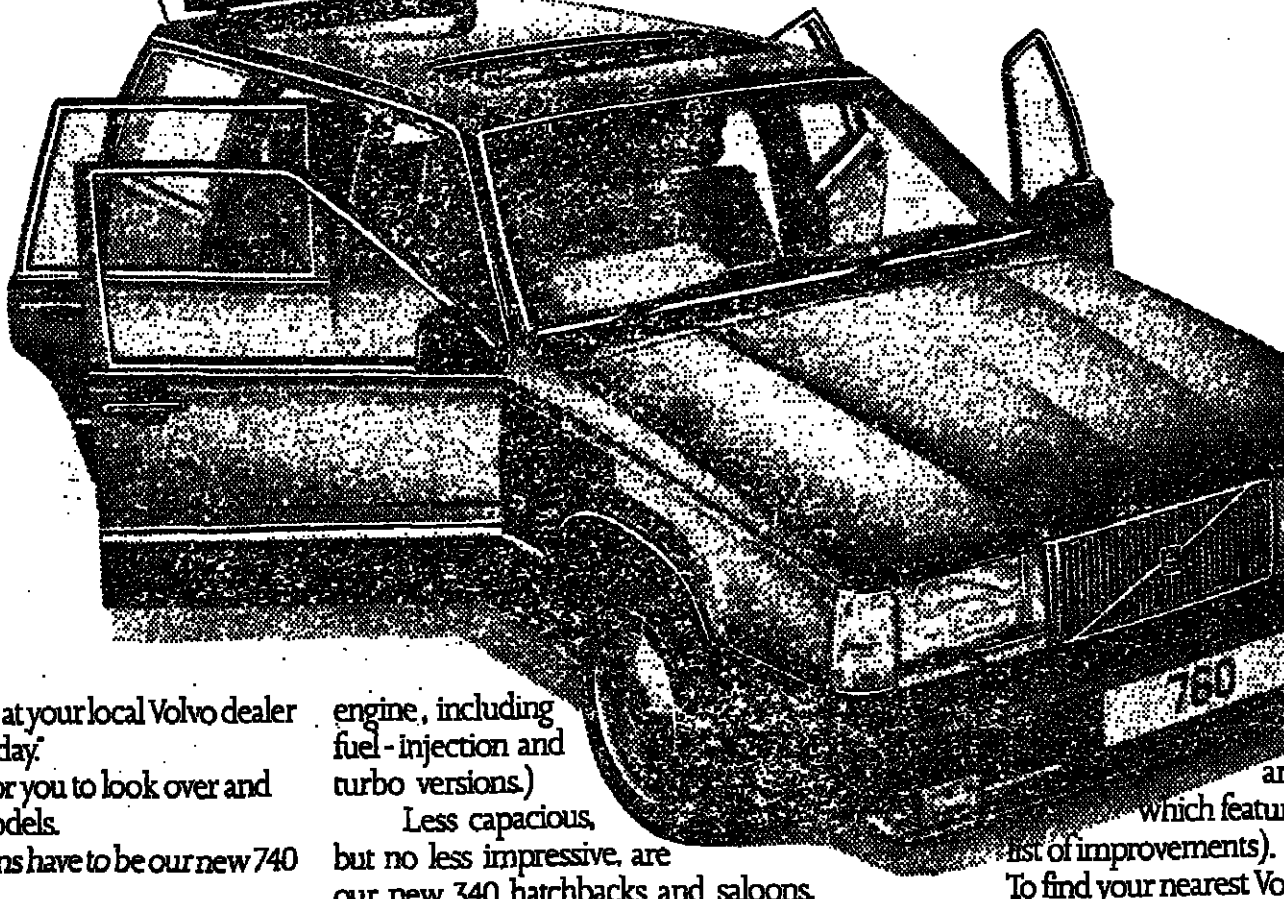
Interviews for the new posts are expected to start within the next three months.

In announcing the solicitors' decision not to co-operate with the DPP, Mr Keith Sonnet, Nalco's national local government officer, said: "Our members are rightly concerned about their future employment and career prospects. It is up to the Government to come forward and start serious negotiations."

The solicitors, at present employed by county councils or police authorities, will become Civil Servants under the new service and will be transferred to a national pay scale instead of the present local ones.



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Productivity is increased

Annual Review

There were real grounds for believing that there had been an increase in productivity in the disposal of appeals by the Court of Appeal during 1984-85, although the increase in the rate at which appeals had been set down meant that it had not been possible to reduce the stock of appeals or the average waiting time. More selective listing had enabled really urgent appeals to be heard more quickly.

Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, said on October 2, when sitting with Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Croom-Johnson, he delivered a review of the legal year 1984-85.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the good news was that during the year the judges of the court were able to hear and dispose of some 1,123 appeals as compared with 1,001 in 1983-84. Such an increase could be due to a variation in the mix of appeals - disposing of a larger number of short appeals rather than a smaller number of long appeals - but that did not appear to be the case.

In general those types of appeal which could be heard by a three-judge court took considerably longer to hear than those which could be heard by a two-judge court. If the explanation was solely, or even largely, such a change of mix, one would have expected the increase to show up wholly or mainly in the disposal rate for two-judge appeals. That was not in fact the case.

There had been a significantly larger increase in the disposal rate in the case of three-judge appeals (319 in 1983-84 and 391 in 1984-85, a 22.57 per cent increase). By contrast the increase in the case of two-judge appeals (662 in 1983-84 and 732 in 1984-85) had been only 10.57 per cent.

Those figures gave real grounds for believing that there had been an increase in productivity. Improved disposal rates were dependent upon a number of factors, not least the careful preparation of appeals, efficient listing by the Civil Appeals Office and economy of time in argument. In the light of the results, all concerned had real cause to feel encouraged.

Other things being equal, that increase in productivity should have resulted in a reduction in the stock of appeals awaiting hearing, although there would always be a number of appeals which were not yet ready to be heard. Dismissals by consent - the principal method of disposing of appeals - had indeed remained more or less equal, looked at overall - 405 in 1983-84 and 424 in 1984-85.

Unfortunately, the rate at which appeals had been set down had increased significantly (1437 in 1983-84 and 1570 in 1984-85). That was surprising in that there had been no corresponding increase in the number of judgments available to be appealed.

That increased set down rate had inevitably created the bad news, namely, that the stock of appeals had not been significantly reduced during the year (962 at the end of September 1984 and 945 at the end of last month).

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Bombing of PLO nerve centre

Wave of anti-US sentiment sweeps through Arab world

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

A wave of anti-American sentiment is sweeping through the Arab world in the aftermath of Israel's air raid on the PLO headquarters in Tunis. Mr Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, accused the United States of "complicity" in the attack, adding that Palestinians would strike back against Israel's "official terrorism".

Within hours of Mr Arafat's remarks, made on Italian television, further condemnation of the air raid came from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Turkey and even the leader of Tunisia's own small Jewish community.

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia referred in a telegram to Mr Arafat to Israel's "treacherous aggression" but in semi-government newspapers in the Gulf it was America that took most of the blame. The statement by the US Administration that the raid was "a legitimate response" to the murder of three Israelis in Cyprus last week was held up by a Kuwaiti paper as "explicit and unmistakable proof" of America's involvement.

The mildest criticism has come from Jordan which has always felt vulnerable to this kind of Israeli air strike. Many Jordanians will have worked out an important equation, if the Israelis can attack a PLO office in Tunis with impunity, it would be even easier to stage an identical raid on a PLO building in Amman.

Arab newspapers manifested a feeling of betrayal by the United States at a moment

Reagan and Shultz differ over Tunis retaliation

From Michael Binyon, Washington

After President Reagan's forthright defence of the Israeli attack on the Palestine Liberation Organization's headquarters in Tunis as a "legitimate response", the United States has warned its embassies around the world to be on high alert for possible terrorist attacks.

The President's insistence that the raid was consistent with American policy of striking back at known terrorists has inflamed opinion in the Arab world, and may further delay the halting steps towards peace being taken by King Hussein of Jordan.

The King, who had been reassuring congressmen that Jordan recognized Israel's right to exist, strongly condemned the Tunis attack and said its aim was to weaken "this last chance to establish peace".

The White House statement was in stark contrast to the initial reaction of Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State. "We deplore acts of violence in the region, including this act. We need to be clear in our opposition to the acts of violence from whatever quarter they come, and without respect

Parents find accused Briton unrepentant

From Our Correspondent, Nicosia

Ian Michael Davison, the Briton held in Cyprus for the killing of three middle-aged Israelis last week, told his parents yesterday that he acted "as an idealist... for his heart" on behalf of Palestinians.

But his parents, who saw their son in Nicosia prison yesterday, said later that they did not know for which Palestinian group he had been working.

Samuel and A. J. Davison found their son apparently without remorse. "He's done what he's done and he hasn't got no shame or anything," his father said later. "It's his view, what he's done is for the people he's been with. He's happy in his mind and his heart." His son realized the trouble he had fallen into, Mr Davison said. "This is the price he's had to pay for what he's been involved in... that's his belief."

Mrs Davison said she had last seen her son two-and-a-half years ago when he left home to hitch-hike around the world "with £10 in his pocket". After joining Mr Yasser Arafat's PLO guerrillas in Lebanon, he was evacuated with them to Yemen. The PLO has denied any

when the US administration had been encouraging Jordan, Egypt and several Gulf countries to risk internal opposition by supporting a new Palestinian initiative in the Middle East.

The Emirates newspaper *Al Itihad* contended: "It is no longer a secret that it is the United States which is responsible for the aggression against Tunisia." A paper based in Sharjah advised Arab nations to "stop wasting time in talking peace with the United States."

The condemnation, however, did not conceal the impotence which many Arab nations feel at the Israeli raid once again. Israel attacked without meeting any opposition save for the subsequent verbal onslaught from the Arab world. But it is Mr Arafat's own reaction that Arabs, and perhaps Israelis too, are likely to study.

"I prefer to let my people respond," he said on Italian television. "We will continue our long, hard march against terrorism and oppression... can I understand (sic) that this is their [Israeli] response for peace in the area?"

● **HAMAM PLAGE, TUNISIA:** Hundreds of Tunisian and Palestinian rescue workers were still searching for bodies yesterday in the mass of rubble of the PLO headquarters (AP reports). Palestinian officials said at least 45 members of the PLO headquarters staff and some 20 Tunisians were killed in the raid.

Security precautions were stepped up near the American Embassy and other US offices.

to the presumed rationale for them," he said. Speaking to ministers of six Gulf states at the UN he added: "I fear that what we see always is, in a sense, a contest between the people who want to move towards peace and the people who are afraid of it." He said the US had not been consulted beforehand.

The White House decision to defend the raid was made after considerable discussion here. Many in the State Department, recalling President Reagan's assurance to President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia in June that the US was committed to the sanctity of Tunisian territorial integrity, were pressing for a more even-handed reaction, condemning all violence.

But the White House, with an eye to domestic opinion, clearly wanted to uphold the principle of retaliation, leaving open the option of similar action by the US.

King Hussein, who has been lobbying a reluctant Congress for a \$1,500 million (£1,060 million) arms sale, insisted on Tuesday that he would continue efforts to negotiate directly with the Israelis in tandem with a Palestinian group.

Israel on diplomatic offensive

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

The Israeli inner cabinet yesterday decided to launch a diplomatic offensive aimed at proving it was necessary to bomb the Palestine Liberation Organization headquarters in Tunisia. The chief targets for this campaign will be EEC capitals, because the Israeli Government believes Community foreign ministers were too hasty in condemning the bombing.

The Government has issued an eight-point memorandum explaining why it believes the raid was necessary and pointing out that the bombed headquarters "was established with the encouragement and under the protection of the Tunisian authorities".

It says the area which was hit had been under "complete extra-territorial terrorist control".

The memorandum also lists "notorious attacks which were planned and carried out" by Mr Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, from the headquarters. These include an attempted attack on the Israeli army headquarters in Tel Aviv last April, a car bomb in the centre of Jerusalem in August, a series of explosive charges left at bus stations and soldiers' hithhike points as well as the shooting of three Israelis in Lanarca last week.

The only member of the inner cabinet to vote against



Mr Yasser Arafat, PLO chairman, surveying the wreckage yesterday.

the raid was Mr Ezer Weizman, whose tiny group is allied to the Labour Party. He argued that the only result would be to freeze the peace process and it would therefore play into the hands of the main Labour opponents, the Likud. Mr Weizman, who had also voted against the invasion of Lebanon, said yesterday: "I very much hope I will be proven wrong."

Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, said categorically that the US Administration had been told of the raid only after it had happened. However, a report in one newspaper, *Yedio Aharonot*, yesterday pointed out that it was highly unlikely that the advanced monitoring equipment on the American Sixth

Fleet would have failed to notice the Israeli squadron during its long journey across the Mediterranean to Tunis.

Dr David Owen, the Social Democratic Party leader, met Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister and Mr Weizman during the day. He said afterwards: "I believe that it is right to deplore the outrageous attacks on Israeli citizens and just as right to deplore the raid on Tunisia. I can understand why it was done but it is a question of judgment as to whether it will help the peace process."

"I think it would have been better to have dealt with these people in Cyprus and not to have taken it into a peaceful, moderate, country like Tunisia."



Tunisian soldiers guarding the ruins of the PLO headquarters in Tunis yesterday after Tuesday's raid by Israel.

Mexico hit by 'war neurosis' after quake

From John Carlin, Mexico City

Psychiatrists are among the few likely beneficiaries of the Mexico City earthquake catastrophe. The discovery that earthquakes can, and do, strike twice, and the fear, therefore, that they could strike yet again, has left many of the 18 million population in a hypersensitive, traumatized state.

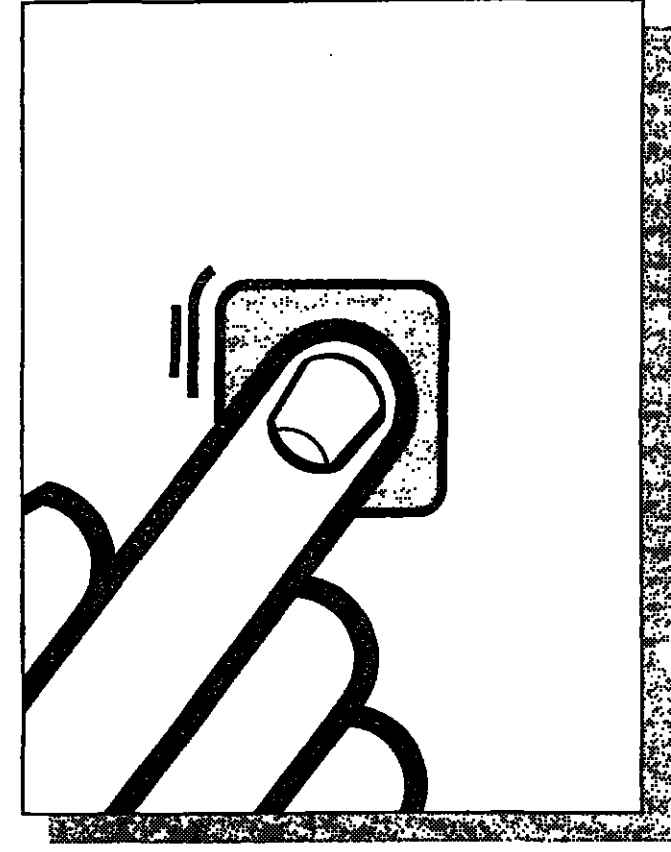
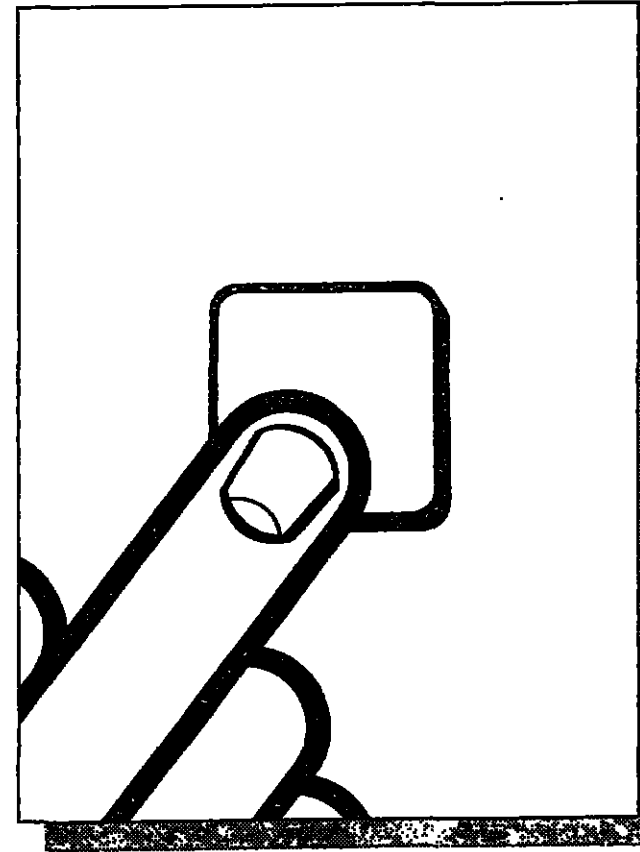
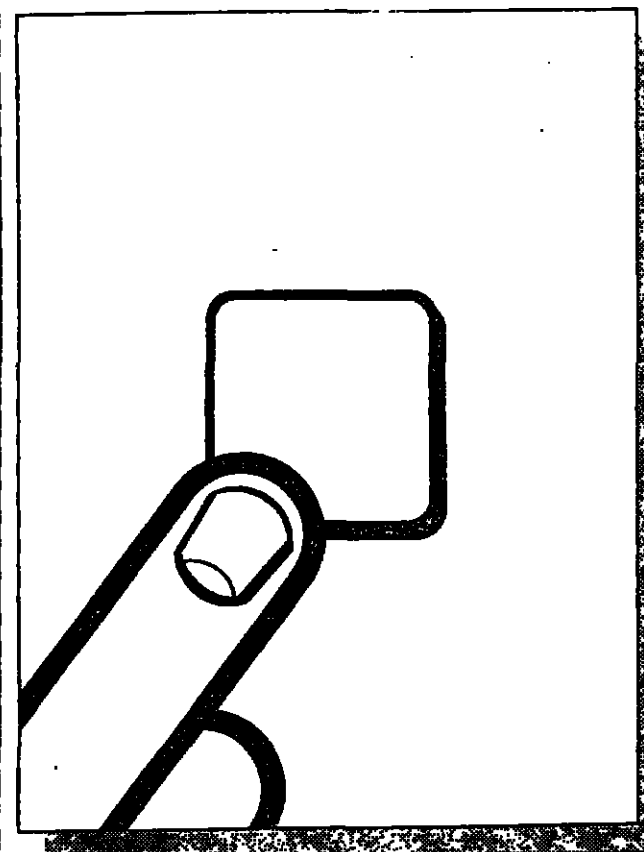
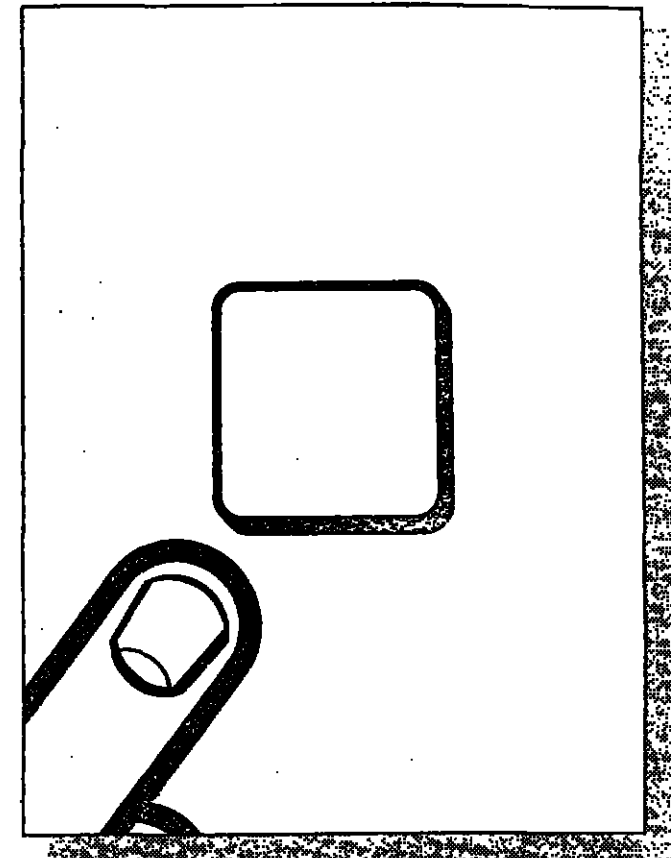
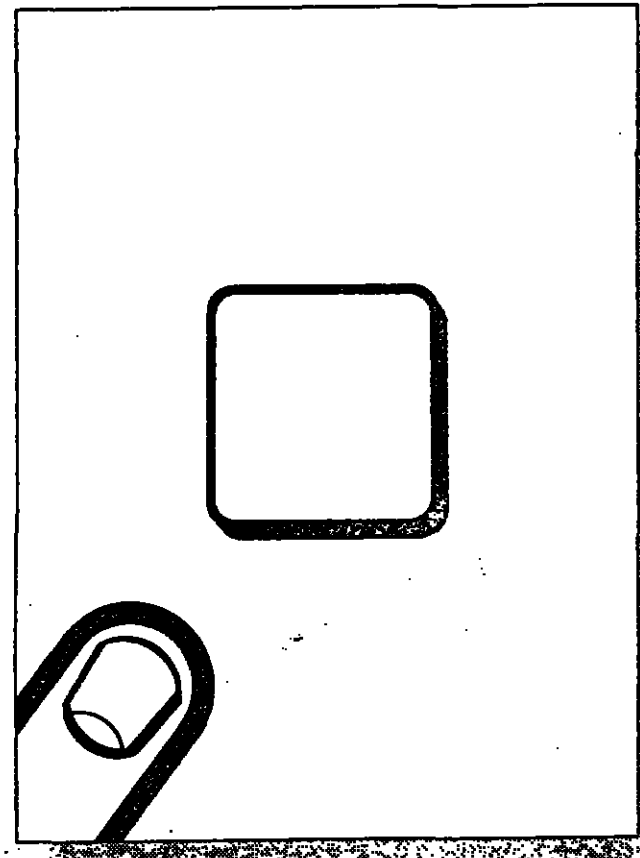
Among those survivors physically intact, the sustained stress and claustrophobia they endured - some up to a week - promises to have a severe psychological impact.

Less dramatic, but more widespread, is what an American medical expert defined as "post traumatic stress disorder", an inordinate jumpiness, a propensity to be alarmed at the slightest shock or surprise.

A university lecturer in psychology said a state of "war neurosis" had set in among the population, as if Mexico City had been victim to an air bombardment.

Possibly the most remarkable psychological phenomenon of all was reported at a psychiatric hospital the night before the first earthquake. That night not one of the inmates slept. All, according to a psychiatrist who works there, were in a desperate, restless state, some crying, some moaning.

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Brilliant Kasparov win

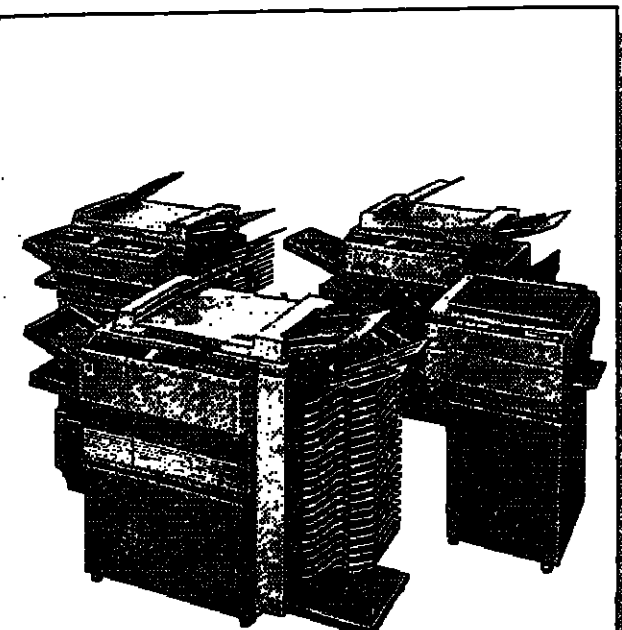
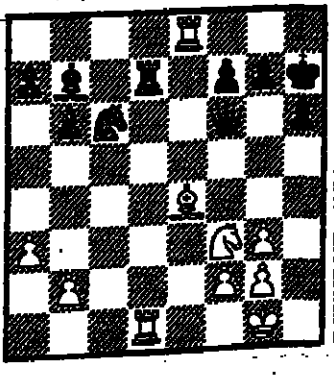
By Raymond Keene

Gary Kasparov, the challenger, defeated Anatoly Karpov with a brilliant queen sacrifice in the 11th game of the world chess championship in Moscow on Tuesday.

Eleventh game
White Kasparov, Black Karpov

Nimzo-Indian defence

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3 N-K3 B-N5 4 B-N5 P-P4
5 B-N5 P-Q4 6 B-N5 P-Q4
7 P-P4 P-K3 8 P-P4 P-K3
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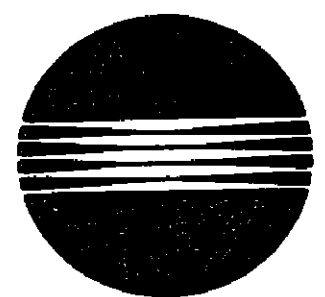
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Defiant Botha assures party that race areas law will not be ditched

From Ray Kennedy

Johannesburg. The Group Areas Act, one of the basic tenets of apartheid as yet untouched by South Africa's hesitant programme of reform, will not be ditched, President Botha said yesterday.

However, the President's Council, the Government's top advisory body, has been asked to look into it and recommend how its application can be improved administratively.

Mr Botha told the Cape congress to the National Party in Port Elizabeth that where blacks moved into residential areas in the US and Britain whites simply moved out "and in Britain and Birmingham they have another way of doing things".

The Group Areas Act strictly demarcates the zones in which whites and people of any other hue may live, but in practice its application is being enforced less severely in urban high-rise areas such as in Johannesburg, where an increasing number of middle-class blacks, Coloureds and Indians have rented apartments in hitherto white-only blocks.

The situation, however, is open to corruption by landlords who can demand premiums for keeping quiet, and at any time the police can raid an apartment block and arrest people living there in defiance of the law.

Mr Botha intervened yesterday in a debate about the Act

Direct US aid for Unita proposed

Washington (Reuters) - Representative Claude Pepper introduced legislation yesterday to give anti-communist rebels in Angola direct US aid for the first time in a decade. The Florida Democrat filed a bill to provide \$27 million in so-called "non-lethal" aid to the rebel group known as Unita, a spokesman for the congressman said.

started on the floor of the Port Elizabeth congress and which appeared to be something of a "plant", so that he could firmly restate the Government's position.

He said the Mixed Marriages Act and the section of the Immorality Act which barred sexual relations between blacks and whites were repealed because they were discriminatory, but the Group Areas Act was not in the same category. "If other population groups have rights and a rightful claim to humanitarian treatment then I say that the whites, who in turn have their own minority groups, are also entitled to justice and to live as citizens of the country in the manner they choose."

Speakers on the floor had argued that if the Group Areas Act were scrapped the next step would be open schools in white

areas. At present many well-to-do blacks send their children to mixed private schools, but are barred from sending them to white schools run by the Government.

Mr Botha said: "While I support equal educational opportunities for all, I say that the white child is also entitled to have his education within his own cultural surroundings."

NEW YORK: The New York Times said yesterday that President Botha was a "semantic trickster" trying to reconcile the contradictions of apartheid (Reuters reports).

"With one breath, Mr Botha describes black South Africans as a welter of distinctive tribes and cultures. In the next, he calls them a single group that threatens to dominate the white minority," the paper said in an editorial.

It said Mr Botha would now impose new political limitations on blacks needed to work in towns, without abandoning the practice of sending other blacks to barren "homelands".

A headline on Tuesday's front page of The Times was headed "Votes for all rejected by Botha". In fact in his speech President Botha said he and his party were committed to one citizenship and a universal franchise but said this was not the same as "one man one vote in a unitary state".

Gorbachov confidence impresses TV viewers

From Richard Owen

Moscow. It was the first time Russians had seen a Soviet leader under pressure from Western journalists, and most viewers of Mr Gorbachov's interview with French television on Tuesday night were impressed by his cool confidence.

It is unlikely to spill over into Soviet broadcasting, where the interviewing style is not so much deferential as an extension of official Kremlin policy. But there was no attempt to censor the interview, and Russians saw exactly the same broadcast as French television viewers.

There was more than a mild frisson when the names of prominent Russian dissidents such as Andrei Sakharov and Anatoly Shcharansky were uttered, and astonishment when M Yves Mourousi dared to ask if it were true that Russia had four million political prisoners. "They've gone too far now," Soviet viewers said with a sharp intake of breath, and there was approval when Mr Gorbachov dismissed the question as "absurd". Most Russians after all prefer not to think about it.

Mr Gorbachov's replies tended to be general and platitudinous ("Every state has its interests... one has to deal with realities... we want to improve relations"). But for Russians, conscious of the painful impression made by Russia's last three geriatric



Mr Gorbachov with President Mitterrand during welcome ceremonies for the Soviet leader on his arrival yesterday in Paris on an official visit to France.

leaders, Mr Gorbachov showed mastery of detail, neatly turning aside awkward questions.

And there was irony, as for example when he berated the Americans for not being able to wait 10 minutes before breaking the confidentiality of the Geneva talks.

Moscow Jews found Mr Gorbachov's claim that the

Jewish population of Russia enjoyed unparalleled political and other rights laughable, and intellectuals were disappointed by his stock response to human rights allegations. The Soviet leader claimed that Shcharansky and Sakharov had merely broken Soviet laws, and argued that the fact that the Supreme Soviet was full of

deputies of worker and peasant origin showed the extent of Soviet democracy.

Ordinary Russians loved it, and reading it again in Pravda yesterday morning, spread over two pages, were still impressed by a man who could put French journalists in their place, quote Voltaire at them and use the phrase *a priori*.

Good grief: Charlie Brown is 35

San Francisco (AFP) - Charlie Brown, the unassuming hero of the Peanuts comic strip, and the rest of his gang celebrated their thirty-fifth birthday yesterday, though fame and fortune have not changed them much.

The Peanuts kids and pets are still pretty much the way they were when cartoonist Charles Schulz created them on October 2, 1950.

Snoopy, Charlie's pet beagle, is still the dreamer-lounging on top of his kennel. Lucy is still her sarcastic and precocious self, and Linus is ever the philosopher tugging around his security blanket.

Thirty-five years really is not that long in the comic strip business," insists Mr Schulz, aged 62, who lives in Santa Rosa, north of San Francisco.

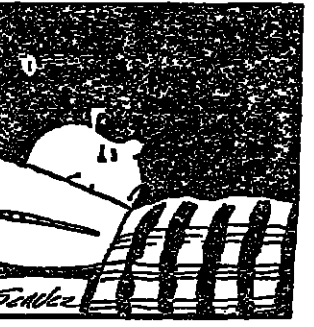
"They frequently last 40, 50 and even 60 years. There is something wrong with a comic strip that doesn't last 10 years," he said.

Despite the success that has turned Peanuts into one of the world's best-known comic strips and a huge money-spinner, Mr Schulz says he continues to work seven hours a day and live an "absurdly simple life". However, now he says: "I can go over to the bookstore and buy all the books I want and not worry about how much they cost, or I can go to an ice cream shop and not worry that it costs \$1.35 (95p) a cup."

When it started, the comic strip appeared in only seven newspapers. Today, more than 100 million readers follow the antics of the Peanuts gang in 2,040 daily newspapers around the world.

It heads the category in the Guinness Book of Records for the largest circulation of any comic strip.

Mr Schulz attributes this success to his characters' broad appeal. "Everyone can see themselves somewhere in the Peanuts gang."



Charlie Brown: an unassuming hero

TV crew barred from Mururoa

Wellington (Reuters) - French naval forces yesterday blocked a French television crew from joining the protest tug Greenpeace before it reached France's South Pacific nuclear test site, Greenpeace protesters said.

Mr Peter Wilcox, the radio operator on the protest yacht Vega, said that a French corvette shadowing the Greenpeace ship blocked the Gamma organization crew from boarding the ship in the Marquesas, the northern-most island chain in French Polynesia. There had been no violence.

Mr Wilcox said the corvette had positioned itself between the tug and the island of Eiao, and would not allow contact between the Greenpeace and shore. A small boat ferrying the film crew was turned back, he said.

The French have imposed a 12-mile exclusion zone around Mururoa Atoll and have said violation will be met by force if necessary.

Meanwhile, the New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, yesterday denied a West German report quoting him as saying that President Mitterrand of France should resign if he had prior knowledge of the Paris-ordered sinking of the protest ship Rainbow Warrior.

Mr Lange said that the report in the magazine Stern was nonsense.

PARIS: The French Defence Minister, M Paul Quilès told parliament yesterday that he would go shortly to the Mururoa Atoll test site to witness a nuclear test (AP reports).

Six die in holiday bus crash

Ankara (AP) - Six West European tourists were killed and 25 others were injured when a passenger bus drove off the road and crashed near the eastern Turkish city of Adiyama, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

The agency said the accident occurred on Tuesday evening. The bus was carrying 39 tourists from West Germany, Austria and the Netherlands. One of the dead was a West German, an embassy spokesman said.

The Istanbul daily Milliyet reported that 13 of the injured were in serious condition and were taken to the Dicle University Hospital in Diyarbakir near the crash site.

Irish welcome for envoy

Dublin - Irish reaction is likely to be favourable to the appointment of Mrs Margaret Heckler as the next American Ambassador in Dublin.

Despite press reports of her reluctance to give up Cabinet post as Secretary for Health and Human Services in the Reagan Administration, a senior Irish Foreign Affairs official said: "We are talking here about a Washington heavyweight coming to Dublin." Mrs Heckler, aged 54, is a second generation Irish-American.

Faulty valve

Paris (Reuters) - A faulty hydrogen valve was responsible for the failure of the Ariane European satellite launcher last month, which was destroyed 10 minutes after its launch, an inquiry set up by the space group reported.

Random shot

San Diego (AP) - A 12-year-old girl doing her homework was shot and killed by a woman who became enraged over a lost newspaper, police said. Regina Taylor, 23, was arrested in connection with the murder.

Bomb victim

Rome (AP) - Signora Raffaella Leopardi, an Italian woman injured in the recent terrorist bombing of the British Airways office here died on Tuesday night, officials said.

Treasure find

Peking (AP) - More than 10,000 Chinese coins, some as old as 2,000 years, have been found in a rubbish tip in Inner Mongolia, the official news agency Xinhua reported.

Hunt for ex-CIA man named by defector

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Federal authorities are reported to be searching for a former officer of the Central Intelligence Agency who fled after being identified by a Soviet defector as a double agent. He supposedly had access to important information that would be damaging to US interests if it fell into Soviet hands.

He was named by Administration officials as Edward Howard, who had an "operational" post with the CIA.

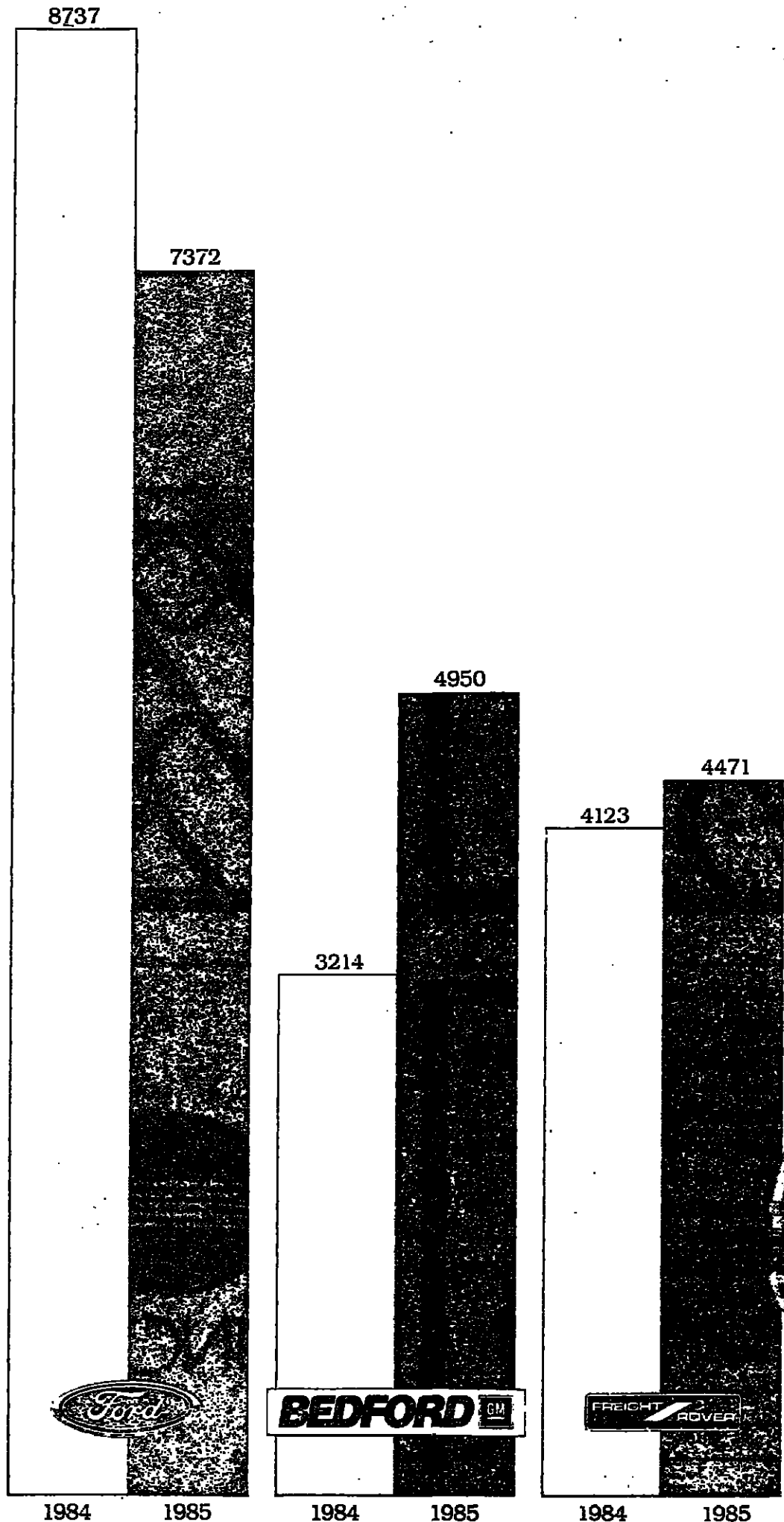
It is not known where he was based, but according to one account yesterday, he worked for the agency's clandestine service under the Deputy Director for Operations.

He apparently left the CIA 18 months ago and took a job with

the New Mexico legislature. Officials there said he resigned on September 22, citing "personal reasons". It is believed he is now out of the country. Neighbours said eight FBI agents descended on his home in Santa Fe on Saturday. Former colleagues described him as a low-key person in his early thirties, married, with a son.

According to US officials Mr Howard was named by Mr Vitaly Yurchenko, a former senior member of the KGB who defected in Rome in July. He is probably now in the US under CIA protection. It is believed that from 1975 to 1980 he was director of KGB operations in the US. He has been described as the fifth ranking member of the KGB.

HOW BEDFORD HAS EASED OUT FREIGHT-ROVER AND MADE FORD UNEASY.



*Source: Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders. Cumulative registrations of medium vans up to 2.5 tonnes April to August 1985, against 1984.

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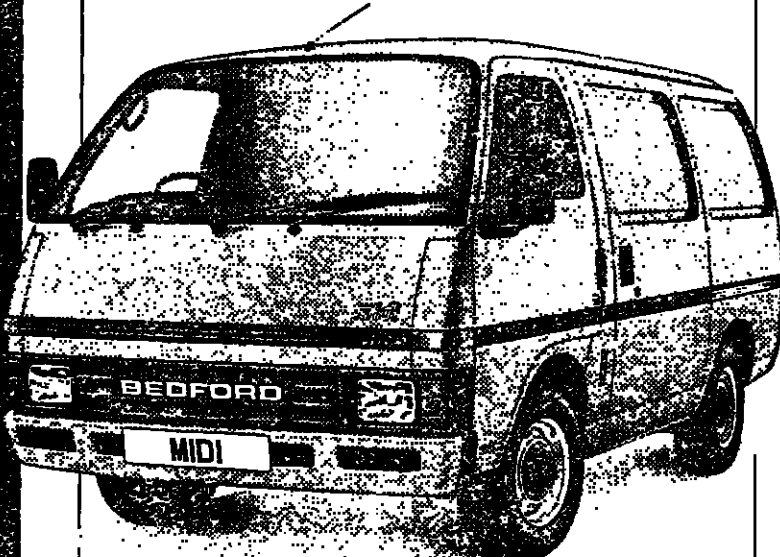
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Airline's free tickets put future of Victoria state governor in doubt

From Tony Duboudin, Melbourne

The future of Sir Brian Murray, the Governor of Victoria, is unclear after it was revealed that he and his wife accepted free travel to the United States and Britain from the American airline, Continental.

Continental is at the centre of a police and state Government inquiry into allegations that senior police and public servants accepted heavily discounted or free tickets. It has been alleged that some of the recipients stated that they were airline employees in an effort to circumvent international regulations.

A senior policeman and an official of Continental have been charged.

Yesterday Mr John Cain, the state Labour Premier met Sir Brian and said afterwards that he had told the Governor that the statement Sir Brian had made on Tuesday about his trip with Continental fell far short of what was required. He asked the Governor to provide full details of his round-the-world journey.

Mr Cain said that Sir Brian had refused and had said he would not provide further

details until he had taken legal advice. The Premier refused to say whether or not he had asked for Sir Brian's resignation.

The row could not have come at a worse time for the Government - Sir Brian is scheduled to play a large role in the visit later this month by the Prince and Princess of Wales who will take in Victoria's anniversary celebrations.

It is believed by some constitutional lawyers that Sir Brian's action may have contravened colonial regulations applying to British territories and dependencies. The regulations say in part: "Governors and all other officers are prohibited from receiving valuable presents (other than the ordinary gifts of personal friends), whether in the shape of money, goods, free passages..."

State governors are in a different position to the Governor-General who is appointed on the advice of the Queen's Australian ministers, in effect the Prime Minister. State governors are appointed, and have their terms terminated, by the Queen on the advice of a British minister.

If Mr Cain wanted to get rid of Sir Brian he would have to deal with the British Government.

Sir Brian and Lady Murray travelled from Melbourne to Houston at the end of August to join a Continental inaugural flight to London at the invitation of the airline's chairman who visited Melbourne in May. Their travel from Melbourne to Houston was free as was the return to Melbourne.

Relations between Mr Cain and Sir Brian, who was appointed by the previous Liberal state government, have been strained since last year when Lady Murray made a speech in which she criticized the state of repair of Government House and, by implication, the state Government for not providing sufficient money for upkeep of the building.

Since then the premier has withdrawn several of Sir Brian's privileges of office such as police escorts at all times and is believed to have demanded to see speeches before they were delivered by the Governor.



Senhora Manuela Eanes, wife of President Eanes, being applauded at a Lisbon election rally by the former parliamentary leader, Senhor Henrique de Barros (centre), and Senhor Hermínio Martins, leader of Democratic Renewal, Portugal's newest party, formed by supporters of the President.

Party threat to Mugabe over link-up with Zapu

From Jan Raath Harare

The groundwork for an amalgamation of Zimbabwe's two main parties has been completed, but there are major difficulties to be resolved before a deal can be clinched.

On Thursday, according to sources, delegations from the ruling Zanu (PF) party of Mr Robert Mugabe, Zimbabwe's Prime Minister, and Zapu, led by Mr Joshua Nkomo, concluded a document of general agreement in principle.

They have left issues of crucial detail to be decided by Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo, but it is not clear when the two will be able to meet.

On Saturday Mr Mugabe leaves Harare for a three-week tour abroad.

That Mr Mugabe has agreed to meet Mr Nkomo appears to be very significant. He has privately said he would consider a meeting with Mr Nkomo only if there were some certainty of agreement.

In addition to the difficulty of conceding executive posts in the party hierarchy and the Cabinet to Zapu members and deciding on a name for the proposed party, Mr Mugabe has to contend with a force other than Mr Nkomo.

Support in Zanu (PF)'s Politburo is divided, the sources said. Mr Enos Nkala, the Minister of Home Affairs, who has an abiding dislike of his Ndebele kinsman, Mr Nkomo, created considerable annoyance when he stated, a few days before talks were due to begin, that he would "wipe out" Zapu in the coming months.

Riddle of reporter killed in Afghanistan

Islamabad (Reuters) - Muslim rebels sent counters into southern Afghanistan yesterday to seek more information about an American journalist killed in a rocket attack there last week.

A spokesman for the group that led the victim and three other Americans said it could take a week or more before the search party returned to Quetta in western Pakistan.

"It is a long way and dangerous - it is not like getting information in America," said Abdul Jalil, spokesman for the Alliance of Muslim Clergy, Mujahidin (Islamic warriors) and refugees.

Quetta is only 130 miles from Kandahar, the area where the attack took place, but rebels must take long detours around communist military posts and extensively mined areas.

Two American doctors, a journalist and a photographer from the Arizona Republic newspaper in Phoenix, Arizona, were travelling with the Alliance's head, Haji Akhund, north of Kandahar when a rocket hit their truck, killing one journalist and an Afghan guide.

A letter from local rebels there to guerrillas in Quetta announced the death and burial

of the journalist near Shah Wali Kot but did not identify him. He was the third foreign journalist to be killed covering the six-year war between Muslim rebels and Kabul's communist government, which is backed by 115,000 Soviet troops.

Kabul rarely gives visas for government-controlled areas, so most journalists seeking first-hand reports slip into the country with the guerrillas.

MOSCOW: Tass named the US journalist as Charles Thornton and said he was killed "ingloriously" during a battle in Afghanistan between govern-

ment and rebel forces (AP reports). It said Mr Thornton had entered Afghanistan a month ago from Pakistan with three other Americans and they were travelling with "gangs of Afghan counter-revolutionaries."

Tass, in its brief report, said the attack occurred near Kandahar where "the uninvited guests met with the crushing fire of the Afghan armed forces, which killed Thornton and wounded one more US journalist, who, like Thornton, had left for Afghanistan in search of sensational reports from that country."

Panama president victim of scandal

Panama City (NYT) - When the Panamanian Army forced the Country's President to resign last week, it was apparently an effort to bury a growing murder scandal and to end a power struggle within the armed forces, according to several Panamanian experts here.

The Army commander,

General Manuel Antonio Noriega, returned from a trip to Europe last Wednesday to squelch a palace coup that was probably provoked by public demands for an investigation into the torture and decapitation two weeks ago of one of the Army's leading critics, Dr Hugo Spadafora.

No one seems certain of the chain of events, but it appears that to soothe his opponents in the officer corps, General Noriega felt it necessary to depose President Barletta. President Barletta had hinted that he might appoint a commission to investigate Spadafora's killing.

Salyut cosmonauts may extend stay

Moscow (AP) - An unmanned space capsule carrying supplies and equipment to three cosmonauts working in space docked with the Salyut7 orbital laboratory yesterday, the official news agency Tass reported.

The cosmo-1686 cargo capsule was automatically docked with the space lab by Soviet ground control crews and the cosmonauts working on board Salyut7, Tass said.

It was not stated how long the capsule would remain linked with Salyut7, although supply missions have traditionally lasted only a few days, after which the capsule is jettisoned.

The arrival of fresh supplies suggests that the three cosmonauts may be planning to stay in space for several months. Tass said only that the capsule ferried supplies and equipment for continuation of the scientific research being conducted on board the space lab.

The cosmonauts, Viktor

Savinykh, Alexander Volkov and Vladimir Vasyutin are on board Salyut7, which underwent its first immediate crew rotation last month when the Soyuz T14 spacecraft brought Volkov, Vasyutin and Georgy Grechko to the space lab.

Savinykh and the veteran cosmonaut Vladimir Dzhanibekov were launched on board Soyuz T13 on June 6 with a mission to repair the Salyut7, which at the time had ceased to function because of an electrical fault.

Dzhanibekov and Savinykh restored the orbital complex to full working order within 10 days of their arrival, then began a series of scientific experiments.

Dzhanibekov returned to earth on board Soyuz T13 on September 26, along with Grechko in what Tass described as the space lab's first-ever partial crew rotation. Salyut7 was previously left unmanned for months between missions.

Bulgarian denial of Pope plot

From Richard Bassett Vienna

The mother of Sergei Antonov, the Bulgarian airline official arrested in Rome after an attempt on the Pope's life in 1982, said yesterday that her son was innocent. Mrs Antonov was speaking at a press conference organized by the official Bulgarian news agency, Sofia Press, at Vienna's Sacher hotel.

"I watched my son grow up quiet and shy and know that he could never have been involved in an attempt on the Pope's life," said Mrs Antonov.

Mr Boyan Traikov of Sofia Press said Italian accusations of Antonov's guilt were "incredible and improbable conspiracies aimed at discrediting Bulgaria." He called for Antonov's immediate release.

The press conference was held in Vienna rather than Rome because of the lack of press freedom in Italy, Mr Traikov said. The entire Antonov trial was a "filthy political game" which must be ended.

Bomb squad blows open general's car

Rome (AP) - Police blew open a suspicious car at Leonardo de Vinci airport yesterday but it turned out to belong to an American Nato general.

The car, an armoured-plated Mercedes 500, was parked in front of the departures terminal and police said the registration plate corresponded to another car.

Police, who had stepped up security at the airport after the Israeli bombing of the PLO headquarters in Tunisia on Tuesday, called in the bomb squad, which blew open the doors and searched for explosives.

Italian news agencies, which did not cite any sources, said the car belonged to General James Brown, commander of Allied Air Forces Southern Europe, and that it had been left outside by his driver while the general went to catch a flight to the United States. They said the car had been given another registration plate to protect General Brown.

Filipino security forces linked to four murders

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Nine other defence force members and an army private yesterday were ordered to be relieved of their duties. That action is connected with the murder of Mr George Siton, the government prosecutor of Oroquieta in the southern province of Misamis Occidental. He was shot and stabbed to death on August 28.

Ten days ago in Jolo, the capital of Sulu province, the Vice Governor, Mr Alana Maldiza, and his three bodyguards were ambushed and killed. Yesterday two policemen and 15 others were charged with multiple murder.

In Vigan, in the far northern Philippines, two more policemen were charged with killing Mr Bernardo Navar, a radio commentator, who was shot in July.

On Tuesday a military intelligence officer was named as the principal suspect in the apparent kidnapping of Father Rudy Romano, who disappeared three months ago.

Fifteen soldiers and militiamen have been suspended and are "under restriction" for the killing of 21 protesters who were shot on September 20 in the bloodiest anti-government demonstration since President Marcos took office 20 years ago.

The "Escalante massacre", as it has become known, has again raised a public outcry over the military-trained and equipped Civilian Home Defence Force - a 70,000 member anti-communist militia - which has a nationwide reputation for abuses and indiscriminate killings.

Eight defence force men will be charged today for the April 11 killing of Father Tollo Faval, an Italian missionary, who was murdered in La Esperanza.

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od grief: Charlie Brown is 35

neisco (AFP) - Charlie the unassuming hero of the comic strip, and of his gang celebrated his 35th birthday yesterday. Though fame and fortune have not changed them

Peanuts kids and parents are pretty much the same when cartoonist Schulz created them

ber 2, 1950. Charlie's pet beagle, the dreamer longing for his kennel. Lucy is a realistic and precocious

Linus is ever the pher tugging around his blanket.

ry-five years really is long in the comic strip. "Insists Mr Schulz, who lives in Santa

of San Francisco. "Frequently last night, I longed to be a 60-year-old man," he said. "Last night I

the success that has Peanuts into one of the best-known comic and a huge money."

Mr Schulz says he as to work seriously and live an "average life". However, now he

"I can go over to the are and buy all the cream I want and hey cost, or I can go to a cream shop and get that it cost \$1.55 (1981)

it started, the comic appeared in only one million readers today, more than 100 million readers today. The comic is a daily newspaper, and reads the comic, the

ss Book of World's most circulation in a strip.

Shultz attributes to his characters. "Every day, I live some where in the comic."

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Gonzalez uses overseas trips to campaign for 'Yes' vote on Nato

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

In visits to Washington and Bonn in the past five days, Señor Felipe Gonzalez, the Spanish Prime Minister, has started a campaign to persuade voters in a referendum next spring to say "Yes" to Spain remaining in Nato.

Doing this from abroad while the campaign at home is hanging fire amid Socialist Party reluctance may seem an odd procedure. But the Prime Minister apparently calculates that the realism which caused him to change his own mind over Nato will also penetrate Spaniards' mind if not their hearts.

All the Opposition parties, from Señor Manuel Fraga's Popular Alliance to the Communists, are sceptical about whether the referendum, which the polls have persistently shown the Government would lose, will actually be held next spring. The widely predicted time is mid-March.

In Washington he claimed to be convinced that the Spanish

people "will show themselves sufficiently mature to understand fully the reasons for remaining" in Nato.

Spain became the sixteenth member of Nato in May 1982 under the Centre Democrats. A referendum on whether to stay in Nato was first promised by Señor Gonzalez, who had previously campaigned against membership, at the October 1982 general election which his Socialist Party won.

In Bonn Señor Gonzalez had to listen to Chancellor Kohl emphasizing the link between EEC membership and Nato, and in Washington the Americans gave nothing away, saying substantive negotiations about the future of the US bases in Spain must await the outcome of the referendum.

The underlying theme of all Señor Gonzalez's travelling, that Spain is playing a new role on the world stage, is supposed to drum into Spaniards' consciousness a realization that

neutralist hankerings must be a thing of the past.

The Communists have set next month to begin their campaign of agitation against Nato and other small Opposition parties, who favour Spain remaining in Nato, have indicated a reluctance to help swell the "Yes" votes.

Señor Narcis Serra, the Defence Minister, meanwhile, has reaffirmed his opposition to joining the Nato command structure. He urged Nato to show its "habitual pragmatism" and devise a special formula for Spain's defence contribution.

Mr Norman Lamont, Britain's Minister of State for Defence Procurement, signed in Madrid on Tuesday the first collaborative defence technology agreement with Spain relating to explosives, under the Independent European Programme Group Project. He said real prospects now existed for a closer defence relationship with Spain.

Prado shows off more of its riches

From Our Own Correspondent, Madrid

With an exhibition of Neapolitan paintings opened by Queen Sofia, Spain's Prado museum inaugurated its recently-doubled floor space (Richard Wigg writes).

The show of more than 160 paintings by such masters as Caravaggio, Salvador Rosa, Lucas Giordano and José Ribera is the first to be held in the Villahermosa Palace, formerly a bank headquarters and

acquired for the Prado by the Ministry of Culture. It is on the opposite side of the street from the Prado, on one of Madrid's main thoroughfares.

The exhibition is similar to one given in London in 1982 and subsequently in Washington and Paris. But this time most of the works come from Spanish state and private collections, rich in Neapolitan paintings from the 17th cen-

tury, when Spanish viceroys not only ruled southern Italy but were also big collectors.

The Prado, rich in paintings but limited in financial means compared to other great museums of Europe and the US, badly needs more space to display its collection. One idea now is to concentrate at the Villahermosa Palace all the Prado's 17th and 18th and 19th-century paintings.

Korea drive against dissident students

From David Watts

Tokyo
Against a background of renewed campus protest, President Chun Doo Hwan of South Korea is cracking down anew of the opposition in general and students in particular.

Several judges have been transferred from the capital because they were not taking a sufficiently strict line with the continuous stream of student cases coming before them. At least one senior official has been transferred abroad because he spoke out against draconian new measures against protesters which were subsequently postponed.

The President's tougher approach was exemplified yesterday with heavy sentences passed on the students who occupied the United States Information Centre in the centre of Seoul last May.

The leader of the group Han Un-Kyung, aged 21, was given seven years' jail and three years' suspension of civil rights. Sentences of between three and five years were passed on 18 other students who took part out of a total of about 70.

The use of the national security law, usually reserved for more nationally damaging cases, has brought strong protests from the opposition and for the first time, from parents protesting in support of their offspring.

The use of the security law indicated that the Government felt the students were acting in the interests of North Korea. The students called off their weekend protest after Mr Kim Dae Jung, co-chairman of the council for the promotion of Democracy, warned them that



Police stifle a protest by a student sentenced in Seoul for occupying the US Information Centre.

they were in danger of giving aid and comfort to a North Korean delegation due in Seoul. Last week the Government withdrew the licence to practise of a lawyer and member of the opposition New Korea democratic Party in the Assembly Park Chan-Jong. Mr Park was arrested outside a rally at Korea University with a party colleague and accused of inciting student. He was one of the few lawyers in Seoul willing to defend students in court.

President Chun still has in reserve a proposed Campus Stabilization Law under which convicted student demonstrators would be sent for up to six months of ideological reorientation at special centres.

The President suggested the law in the middle of August but later had to shelve the Bill after widespread opposition to it throughout the country. But he said he was merely shelving the bill until there was a better understanding of it.

● SEOUL: Guards bundled the South Korean students sentenced for occupying the US Government office out of a Seoul court yesterday after they chanted slogans (Reuters reports).

The students, bound and handcuffed, shouted: "down with dictatorship, down with Chun Doo Hwan."

Hindus nervous as Punjab rulers free Sikh militants

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

A certain amount of nervousness is being shown among the Indian - particularly the Hindu - political community about what the new Government in Punjab will do now that it has a dominant grip on power.

Since the Sikh religious party, the Akali Dal, swept to an overwhelming victory in last week's elections, a number of signs from its leaders have given some cause for fear that they could yield to separatist extremists.

The first significant executive act of the Government of Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, sworn in on Sunday, was to announce the release from jail of 234 people detained under the National Security Act. Nine extremists have been left in the state because, according to the Chief Minister, their offences are more serious. Their cases will be examined by a committee appointed yesterday.

The cases of other extremists detained "outside" the state will also be examined by the committee, in conjunction with the central Government.

While the release of the detainees can be seen as an act of reconciliation for the community, there can be no doubt that it puts back on the streets of Punjab a number of determined militants.

At the same time Mr Surjit Singh, during a visit to the Golden Temple of Amritsar, the Sikhs' holiest shrine, declared that his Government would ensure that the police did not enter the temple complex in future.

About that, *The Tribune*, a Chandigarh newspaper that generally expresses the Hindu point of view, opined that such respect for a place of worship "places on those in charge of these revered places the responsibility to ensure that their premises are not misused for purposes involving a breach of the law of the land."

The Tribune adds piously: "Considering the wisdom and

the breadth of vision with which the Barnala Government has embarked on its task, it must be assumed that the Chief Minister and his colleagues are fully aware of the danger of permitting exceptions to the rule of law."

Mr Gurcharan Singh Tohra, a prominent and powerful Akali, who heads the committee managing the Sikh temples in Punjab, added a further frisson to observers' nerves by announcing at the weekend that the Sikhs would certainly pull down the Akali Takht, that second most holy place in the Golden Temple complex, which was badly damaged during the army action last year, but which was restored under Government direction by the leader of a rebellious sect of Nihangs, Sikh warriors.

To pull down the Akali Takht, the immortal throne of temporal and spiritual power, would be a calculated rebuff to the central Government. Its rebuilding by voluntary labour would involve almost all the Sikh religious community, and would keep alive bitter communal feelings, while the work lasted.

At the same time the Punjab Government has been slow to reassure the Hindu community with gestures towards them. No Hindu ministers have yet been appointed to the state Government, although a number of Hindus were elected on the Akali ticket.

Mr Surjit Singh had promised to visit a Hindu temple in Amritsar, but his visit was postponed when he was in the town this week.

The Tribune of Chandigarh, however, urges that Mr Surjit Singh and his ministers should not be judged harshly by those who do not share their political beliefs or religious compulsions. "The Akalis deserve an adequate opportunity to prove their credentials," the paper says.

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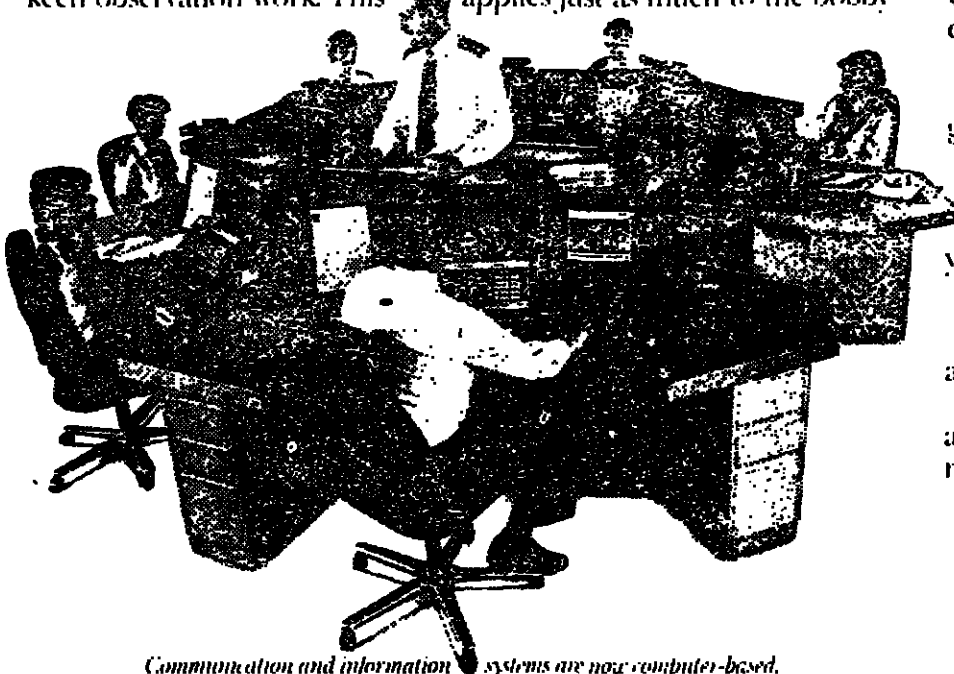
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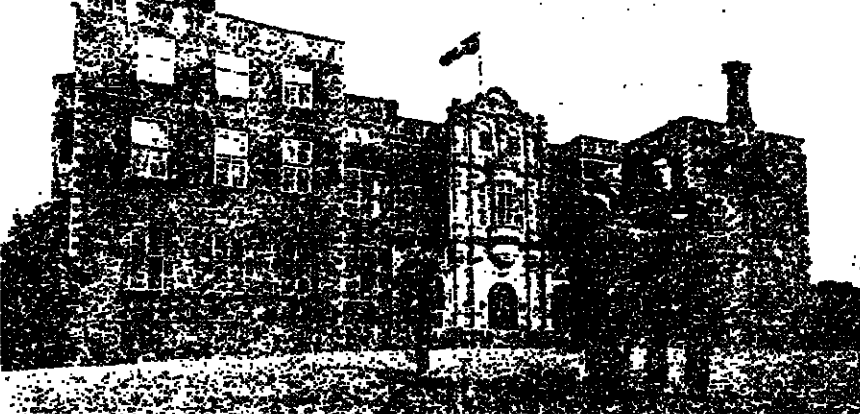
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Conscripts face longer service

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

West German national service, to which males are liable on reaching the age of 18, is to be increased from 15 to 18 months. This was decided at a Cabinet meeting here yesterday.

The decision is one of the longer-term effects of the contraceptive pill which is generally regarded as the main reason the West German birthrate began to fall in the late 1960s.

This brought about the first sharp fall in the number of conscripts available to a country which, under successive forms of government, has had conscription since Germany was first united in 1871 and in Prussia long before that.

With the birthrate remaining at its present level, West Germany would not be able to meet its Nato commitments in the 1990s because fewer and fewer conscripts would be entering the Army each year. It has therefore become necessary for men to serve longer.

The decision has aroused some political controversy. The main opposition party, the Social Democrats (SPD), is not enthusiastic about the change, or anxious to identify with it. But neither has the SPD - apart from its left - made a big issue of it. This is because national service seems to be accepted by most voters as a fact of life.

Angry MPs walk out in Islamabad

Islamabad (Reuters) - Thirty-two independent MPs stormed out of Pakistan's National Assembly yesterday, accusing the Government of trying to bulldoze through a controversial Bill pardoning the past eight years of army rule.

The MPs walked out in protest against a government decision to shorten normal legislative procedure for considering the Bill, which would legitimise changes President Zia has introduced since his coup in 1977.

The small independent group in the 237-member assembly has blocked the Bill for three weeks, arguing that it would give the President too many powers after martial law was lifted by the promised deadline of January 1.

Waji Saifullah Khan, a leader of the independent group, announced the Government's tactics as a way to rush in a civilian form of martial law. He then left the hall, starting the walkout.

The Justice Minister, Mr Iqbal Anjum Khan, said the Government was simply eager to pass the laws needed for lifting martial law. He said his critics had wasted three weeks with irrelevant speeches.

The independents, whom the Government has tried to win over to a broad consensus backing the Bill, said they would not return until proper parliamentary procedures were followed.

US crackdown on illegal workers angers farmers

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Congress has mounted a vigorous new attempt to stem the tide of illegal immigrants to the United States, most of them Mexicans and other Hispanics who work for pittance wages on farms in southern California and Texas.

The traditional influx of "illegals" during the fruit and vegetable picking season has been a way of life for generations, helping to sustain hundreds of thousands of Mexican families living in dire conditions along the Rio Grande Valley. For them, a small wage in American dollars represents a substantial income.

The Senate has voted 69 to 30 to punish farmers who employ "illegals". The measure stands a good chance of surviving in the House of Representatives, which voted narrowly last year in favour of substantial immigration reforms.

The Bill is fiercely opposed by most Hispanic groups, civil liberties organizations and some labour unions. Farmers would be given three years to phase out the use of illegal workers.

The Bill proposes fining farmers between \$3,000 and \$10,000 for each illegal alien they employ. Farmers seem much better organized this year than ever before to fight attempts to tamper with their historical involvement with Mexican workers, and a tough congressional fight is certain.

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The pilot politician born to lead

The Times Profile:
Rajiv Gandhi

In the old days of peacocks and palanquins, emperors and rajahs, it was customary for the great and powerful to hold court not only for those in their favour but also for the poor and helpless.

The palanquins and rajahs have vanished, but there is a remnant of the tradition still to be found on the tree-lined Race Course Road in New Delhi where, on three mornings a week, the people can call on the most powerful man in the land, Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

After passing through metal detectors and body checks, they are allowed on to the lawns of his residence for the morning *durbars* (the preferred word is *darshan* which has religious connotations, implying a blessing). The Prime Minister arrives, with monarchical punctuality, at nine o'clock, beaming affably and dressed in dazzlingly white homespun which makes one wonder if this is the reason for his popular sobriquet, Mr Clean.

It is a particularly colourful gathering on this morning. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, one of the largest public sector enterprises in India, has sent colourful troupes of dancers from each of its units - Bhopal, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Punjab - to ask for the Prime Minister's blessings on their annual show and to give him a glimpse of it.

Mr Gandhi watches with a kind of bemused pleasure and says what he has just seen is exactly what the country is striving to achieve - the unity of diverse customs and traditions from which can be drawn mutual benefit.

He thanks the dancers for their demonstration as well as their work on the industrial front: power is a primary infrastructural need he says. Then he moves between groups of petitioners, instructing an aide to note their complaints and saying "I'll see what I can do", before having to leave to meet a busy schedule.

In Hyderabad House, the cream and rose sandstone palace that was once the Delhi residence of the Nizam of Hyderabad and is now the official venue for state banquets, Rajiv Gandhi and his Italian wife Sonia stand on one of the Nizam's priceless carpets, under a great chandelier, and entertain their guests of honour, the visiting Prime Minister of New Zealand, David Lange, and his wife Naomi.

After fruit juices and cola drinks (prohibition is a government policy), guests are led into the banquet hall. The air is informal. Mr Lange's voice booms out confidently and the High Commissioner for New Zealand, legendary mountaineer Sir Edmund Hillary, laughs loudly at his anecdotes. Even the reticent Sonia laughs.

The banquet is no sooner over than the guests rush away in a long cavalcade to Palam airport. The Gandhis see the Langes off then hurry across the tarmac to the plane waiting to fly them to Goa, the erstwhile Portuguese enclave more than 1,000 miles away on the west

coast, to inaugurate the centenary celebrations of the Mormugao port. Women in crimson and purple silk saris greet the Gandhis with garlands. Sonia has changed from the printed silk sari she wore at the banquet to a Goan cotton sari of saffron yellow, imitating her mother-in-law's habit of dressing in the style of the area she was visiting.

The party is whisked through the town of Vasco to the harbour, where plaques are unveiled and Sonia lights a traditional brass lamp and gives presents to worthy workers.

There is another cultural show, this one with an incongruous Portuguese element. While Bombay film songs blare from loudspeakers, a Muslim priest can be heard calling solemnly for prayers, Goan girls in fisherwomen's saris trip to a frisky tune and a popular singer in a checked shirt and striped socks dedicates a song to Rajiv Gandhi. It goes: "Hullo, Rajiv Gandhi, how does it feel to be holding the reins of the nation, or do they feel like the chains of continuation?"

The cavalcade returns to the airport. On the return flight to Delhi, the Prime Minister has two hours of privacy in which to dine with his wife and attend to the files in his briefcase.

He sees the future
in rapid and
radical industrialization

Sonia and Rajiv Gandhi have not had much time to adjust to a life that is new to them and not, by all reports, entirely congenial. "There are difficulties", Rajiv admits, exchanging a troubled look with his wife. Sonia finds it difficult to express her feelings about entering the political world but denies that she once said she would rather her children grew up to be beggars than politicians.

Her English is strongly tinged with Italian and Indian accents, which she explains by saying: "I learned English at Cambridge - from Rajiv and his Indian friends, not from the English". Rajiv laughs: "She can't understand English spoken by an Englishman".

She did not find India so very strange. "I did everything gradually, by stages", she says. "I wore a sari a few times, then more and more. Now I can hardly believe I once wore skirts and jeans." She learned Hindi by speaking it to her children.

Rajiv Gandhi has occupied his position of power for only a short time. It was on October 31, 1984, that he was chosen as leader of the ruling Congress Party and India's Prime Minister to replace his mother. She had been assassinated a few hours earlier by two of her Sikh bodyguards in revenge for the Sikh's holiest shrine, the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

As soon as the official period of mourning was over and her ashes



scattered over the Himalayas - and before the Opposition could raise an outcry against dynastic rule - her son declared a general election.

More than 220 million people went to the polls and the verdict was overwhelming - 401 of the 508 seats in Parliament were won by the Congress Party, and Rajiv defeated his estranged sister-in-law Maneka by 300,000 votes.

Clearly few wanted the coalition party that the Opposition was trying to cobble together; people chose the 100-year-old Congress Party, although for contradictory reasons. Some chose it because it stood for political continuity and stability, others because Rajiv Gandhi and his party stood for change and a break with the past.

It is his curious fate to have to combine such a contradiction within his own person and his policies. It was prophesied at his birth by his grandfather who wrote, from the

prison in which he had been placed by the British for his role in the freedom struggle, to the boy's mother in Bombay: "I do not easily get excited, but I experienced a deep feeling of contentment when I heard of the arrival of the newcomer."

"There was also a vague and comforting sensation of the future gradually pushing out the past as it always does. Of course there is never an actual break. It is an unending and continuous flow, link after link in a chain which has no visible beginning and apparently no end - so a nation and a people taste of immortality and even a family lives on and on."

These seem to be the sentiments of those who voted him into power. Yet, although he had taken over so quickly and smoothly, the need to prove himself by translating promises into action rose immediately.

In the chaotic aftermath of his mother's assassination, some 2,000

BIOGRAPHY

1944: Born August 29 in Bombay, the eldest son of Firoze and Indira Gandhi.

1956: Sent to Indian public school. Completed his education at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he read mechanical engineering.

1968: Married Sonia, the Italian girl he met at Cambridge. Trained in Britain as an airline pilot and for 14 years served with India Airlines.

1980: Younger brother Sanjay killed in air crash and Rajiv set out on road to power.

1981: Entered politics by contesting and winning Sanjay's seat, Amethi. Became member of the National Executive of the Indian Youth Congress.

1983: Became a General Secretary of the Congress Party.



1984: On October 31, chosen to lead the party and succeed his mother. Took over as Minister of Atomic Energy, Culture, Electronics, Environment, Science and Technology, Tourism and Civil Aviation. Declared general election after the country's period of mourning for Indira Gandhi and the Congress Party won an overwhelming vote of confidence.

Sikhs were slaughtered and the Sikh community further alienated. The deaths, a few weeks later, of 2,500 people and the injury to some 200,000 more by the disastrous leak in the Union Carbide plant in Bhopal added to the horror.

The other problems Rajiv faced were endemic: protests from Assam regarding refugees flowing in from Bangladesh and from Bangladesh about the fence being built along the border to prevent them from doing so; the Tamil refugees fleeing from the Sinhalese majority and military repression in Sri Lanka; and Sri Lanka's accusation that India was harbouring Tamil separatists and training their guerrillas; caste wars that were brought under control in one area only to erupt in another.

The pattern of foreign policy was more stable, having been set by Indira Gandhi. India continues to play a prominent role in the bloc of non-aligned nations; Rajiv has paid

tribute to the Soviet Union as a tried and true friend and voiced regret that America continues to supply arms to Pakistan and refuses to curb its nuclear power programme, which he sees as a deterrent to the good relations he would like to establish.

His visit to the United States in June, the impression he made on the American press and the agreement signed recently for technical collaboration, have already started this process. He will be following it up with a two-day visit to Britain starting on October 14.

He has chosen to make a break from the past in the economic field, determined to alter the fact, "in the next decade", that more than half the population of 746 million lives below the poverty line.

He sees the future in rapid and radical industrialization, and the first budget presented by the new finance minister, Vishwanath Pratap Singh, in April has brought in some startling changes - reducing income tax, cutting corporate taxes and liberalizing import policies, mainly for computers and electronics, in the hope of stimulating industry and encouraging entrepreneurs.

For all that, Rajiv will not accept the charge that he has deviated from the socialist path of the Congress Party and moved towards capitalism. "We remain a socialist country. It needs a new direction, a new impetus, but we are not giving it up in favour of capitalism. Nor does he like the emphasis attributed to him on the computer as the key to the 21st century. "I am not interested only in the computer. I am interested in technology. A lot of research has been done in science, in agriculture, and this must be put to practical use."

Rajiv has an almost uncanny air of calm and confidence. Some assume it comes from the certainty that he was born to lead, because of his mother and his grandfather. Yet his upbringing was hardly that of a crown prince; rather it was of a privileged but not over-protected child of an Indian family of the upper caste and comfortable means.

Born in Bombay on August 29, 1944, he was the first child of Indira Gandhi, the only daughter of the Kashmiri Brahmin Jawaharlal Nehru, and Firoze Gandhi, a Parsi journalist from Bombay. It was his grandfather who named him Rajiv and continued to play an influential role in his childhood. His mother had chosen to live with her father in order to act as his official hostess while her husband worked in Lucknow as the managing director of the *National Herald*, before becoming a member of parliament. A second son, Sanjay, was born in 1946. Firoze visited them when he could and was an affectionate and playful father.

When he was 12, Rajiv was sent to a public school run along British lines, where he is remembered for his shyness and his interest in mechanics and photography. His education was continued at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he read mechanical engineering. Asked if he thought such an elitist education an advantage or a disadvantage, Rajiv replied emphatically: "An advantage. It broadened the outlook and yes, it is what I would want for my children."

At Cambridge he was so quiet and withdrawn that hardly anyone was

aware of his presence or his parentage. He did not show the faintest interest in politics and very little in his studies.

The one important event at university was his meeting with Sonia Maino, who was studying English. It was "the best thing that ever happened to Rajiv", according to a friend. Sonia was accepted into the Gandhi household with more warmth than is usual in a Hindu "joint family."

Indira appeared happy to have a daughter in the house and left her to run it while she worked and travelled. The birth of Rajiv's son, Rahul, and daughter, Priyanka, strengthened the bond. When Sanjay died in an air crash in 1980, Rajiv had spent 14 years as a pilot with India Airlines. He seemed reluctant to take his brother's place on the political scene and it was well known that Sonia recoiled from the idea. Yet he became his mother's chief support and confidant and was persuaded to contest a by-election in his brother's constituency. Amethi, emerged from her private and domestic existence to campaign for him, giving up her Italian citizenship.

It was clear he would
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mother's shadow for long

After his election victory, Rajiv said he wanted to attract a new breed of persons to politics - intelligent, westernized young men with non-feudal, non-criminal ideas who want to make India progress.

The coterie he chose to have around him included young men from the business and technological world. Together they organized the extravaganza of the Ninth Asian Games. Rajiv personally looked into every aspect, including the coordination of the whole through the latest telecommunication devices, which led to him being nicknamed "Computerji" and "Pilot Politician". It was clear he would not remain in his mother's shadow for long. No action of his exemplifies this better than his handling of the Punjab crisis. Determined to put an end to what had involved his mother to a fatal degree, he signed an accord with Sant Longowal, the leader of the moderate wing of the Akali Dal, and declared elections in the state.

Despite predictions of major unrest and violence that made it necessary to deploy the biggest security force in Indian history during polling, the election was conducted not only peacefully but enthusiastically by both Hindus and Sikhs who seemed equally keen to achieve normality in the state.

Rajiv has been accused by some of deliberately engineering the failure of the Congress Party by putting up unknown young candidates and not campaigning widely; the victory of the moderate Akali Dal (73 seats out of 114 went to them) seems to prove that this was precisely his intention. It was a strategy that has come to typify his style.

Anita Desai

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Why rot is better than rubbish

It all began last year when we became involved in a movement to prevent the use of a part of our common as a dump for huge quantities of builders' rubble and earth. A vigorous campaign rapidly gathered momentum and ended in a gratifying rejection of the plans for tipping.

As the danger receded, and our common was reprieved at least for a short while, we began to reassess the land itself. The gorse and the grass and trees were still there as they always had been, but the total impression had certainly changed. We were shocked by the general air of squalor. Wherever we looked rubbish peeped out of the grass, floated on the pond and drifted into every shrub and thicket.

It is difficult to say who made the next move but it was probably a group of regular dog-walkers whose pets repeatedly cut their feet on broken glass, in one case with fatal results.

By Christmas it was common- place to see people returning from their walks carrying bulging plastic bags of assorted rubbish. One lady picked up nothing but plastic but most were not so selective. Before long the improvement was astounding.

By the spring it was possible to walk over the most heavily used parts of the common without noticing more than the occasional sweet wrapper. Everywhere looked clean and fresh and hopes began to rise that it might be possible to keep it that way. But that was before the fishing season started in June.

The pond in the middle of the common is no longer an idyllic scene. Although the dog-walkers still collect refuse every day they simply cannot keep up with the deluge. Empty bottles, crisp packets and bread wrappers bob on the surface of the water like plague-stricken ducks while long lengths of nylon fishing line litter the banks and bushes, a lethal hazard for unwary birds.

One Saturday morning in August we filled six large plastic bags with litter and that was by no means all that was there, we just ran out of time and energy! It will be the same next time we go. The euphoria of early summer is giving way to despair

COMMENT

Janet Morris



and it will not be long before the dog-walkers abandon the pond.

My own attitude to litter has undergone a profound change. Once you have learnt to look for litter you see it wherever you go, whether you want to or not. I can no longer carelessly discard supermarket wrappers in the dustbin. In my mind's eye they are made of the same sordid crumpled dirty plastic that I have been collecting from the common, and I am well aware that by putting it in the dustbin I have done no more than send it off to be dumped somewhere else. Wherever it goes it will never rot away.

I collect a great deal of household waste such as glass, metal, cardboard and paper, and dispatch it for recycling, but there always remains an intractable residue of plastic.

I try not to buy it, but that is almost impossible. The local greengrocer still sells vegetables loose, and the baker is content with a decomposable paper bag for his wares, but there is a huge range of goods for which plastic wrappings are compulsory.

I do not buy things like yoghurt which are only available in throw-away plastic tubs, but where meat is concerned the only choice is between one plastic bag in the local butcher's shop as against two wrappers

and a plastic tray in the supermarket.

The whole supermarket economy is based on plastic bags and bottles. Millions and millions of them are spewed out every year, to be discarded in the great heaps that are our council refuse dumps, or dumped at sea.

Only one thing is certain. They will never rot in our lifetime and they will be joined by more and more of their kind.

Places to dump this litter are already running out. Most of the available old quarries are filled in, and it is more and more difficult to dump domestic refuse or builders' rubble. Planners look ever more hungrily at any open space - such as our common - to unload their rubbish. People are no more untidy or careless than they ever were - it is simply that the supply of litter has increased.

"The council ought to clear up the litter" is a constant complaint in letter after letter to the local papers. They do their best to cope while every year new "throwaway" items are marketed, especially containers for food and drink. Many individual citizens do their best but I begin to feel that it would be better if they didn't. If the litter were left to accumulate over the years until every road was lined by embankments of rubbish-filled bags and empty beer cans, every gutter and alley silted up with plastic bags and crisp packets that were redistributed by every wind until our towns and countryside become plant garbage heaps - only then would society come to its senses.

The throwaway society has always been a delusion. Nature recycles everything, and so should we. The only lasting solution is to make it compulsory and financially rewarding to recycle reusable items (as with ordinary wine bottles in France) and to prohibit the use of wrappings that will not decompose.

I have even been a stiff tax on such wrappings before a law came into force. Rome has already passed one forbidding the use of non-degradable wrappings as from 1991. Do we really need to reach a crisis point here before we follow suit?

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BOOKS

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For many years before he started writing poetry, Edward Thomas was a dauntingly prolific prose writer, and he practised what he preached. So this is very much a book of journeys and arrivals. It is a life-and-work book, an Edward Thomas route book, taking in the long straight Roman roads of Britain, the highways and byways where he met his tramps and vagabonds, and finally the derelict side roads around Aras where Thomas was killed in 1917.

Thomas wrote so much himself, and a good deal has been written about him, some of it pretty dubious. It has been all too tempting to see him as a poet-hero of the First World War, finding his true meter in the exigencies of battle. One great value of this book, by a long-term Thomas expert, editor of the *Collected Poems*, is the eagerness with which he examines this assumption, arguing that Edward Thomas would have been a poet anyway. Another is its emphasis on Thomas's peculiar and tortuous emotional development. To call this book the passionate story of a marriage or even the story of a passionate marriage may give the wrong impression of Emeritus Professor R. George Thomas's far from searing prose style. But it is still a story of enormous fascination, very moving in most basic human terms.

Edward Thomas was a schoolboy at St Paul's when he first arrived in the house on Wandsworth Common, a protégé of James Ashcroft Noble, the critic and journalist, who encouraged his early ambitions to become a nature diarist and essayist. His courtship of Helen, James Noble's second daughter, began precociously high ideals of honesty and honour.

This was no ordinary suburban romance. He bombarded her with questions about female physiology, took to cold baths and dumb bells to tone up his own body. She used some of her earnings as a nursemaid to hire a bathing machine and develop her swimming as a preparation for radical methods. There was no question of consum-

mation, and when things got too much for them the lovers would meet at the National Gallery where they examined in minute detail the Greek male and female statues.

It was of course a strain and, not surprisingly perhaps, Edward Thomas was very often becomes cross and melancholy. Even at this early stage, when he goes to Oxford, the pattern gets established for his frequent swings of mood. The inconsistency with which, for all his chaste ideals of marriage, he is easily enraptured by the sight of other women (and then of course feels bound to confess painfully to Helen). How he excels at rowing, but then starts to take laudanum. How he reads obscene books, and consequently worries at his frequent seminal emissions. It is now quite clear he can behave with awful silliness. And only Helen's optimism and resilience, her "genius for joy", comes anywhere near saving him. When, after all, one Easter vacation a child is conceived *en plein air* on one of their energetic country rambles, he is still inclined to wonder idiotically if his blood is over-heated by licentious Oxford life.

Through their erratic courtship and their problematic marriage, Edward Thomas and Helen were inspired letter-writers. There is a current tendency among biographers to denigrate quotation, on the grounds that it hinders the narrative and bores the readers. But in this book quotation is in fact the main excitement: it is the way of watching the relationship develop and, through an astute interweaving of brief passages from Edward Thomas's notebooks and

Fiona MacCarthy on the strange life of a poet who loved and wrote not wisely but too well and died young

EDWARD THOMAS: A PORTRAIT
By R. George Thomas
Oxford, £12.95

books published, the means of relating life and love to work in progress. Indirectly perhaps it tempts one to regret the demise of letter-writing in modern married life.

Edward Thomas's twin passions were the idea of nature and the idea of nationality. His dream existence was wild rural life in Wales. However, he and Helen spent their entire married life in the suburbs of London or, at best, in the Home Counties since Thomas in fact needed to be in reach of Fleet Street and the newspapers and literary-and-general magazines on whose behalf he noted nature and reviewed with speed and frenzy. In 1908 he was producing 20 reviews per month. For all his hero-worship of the image of Welsh scholar / preacher / bard composing in some mountain fastness, he did much of his best writing at Petersfield in Hampshire in a cosy little garden-house study called the Bee-house, very close to Bedales School, whose style and inmates he detested, and whose brand of social conscience increased his self-disgust.

He often wandered off. This was a part of his own nature: he liked to see himself as the by-passer, the vagrant, the plain-spoken rural traveller, the man he once described as "as independent as a parrot or a tramp". It was also very much the fashion of the time, the habit of the coteries where Edward Thomas mingled, which this book describes so well. Though he did have other loves, a sudden strange obsession with Helen's one-time charge, Hope Webb, the child of nature, the main challenge to domestic life was his

great craving for male conviviality, his long walks with the selected (male) companion, his liking for a well-packed knapsack probably containing his own *Pocket Book of Poems and Songs for Open Air*.

"He laughed heartily in circles given more to laughter than to preciousness", as his old friend Harry Hooton approvingly explained his longing for good fellowship. Away from home he joined the literary extroverts: walked with Arthur Ransome, smoked his pipe with Arthur Ransome, parked around and camped in the New Forest with the "bargeons", played cricket with Clifford Eak (when, not being good at cricket, he tended to be banished to the outfield).

Many of his ideas about poetry developed from long tramps in the English-Welsh Border country with Robert Frost, the poet of New England on the make in England proper. The border country did not seem so far off from Vermont.

But indefatigable roamer as he was, Thomas's homing instinct was in a way still stronger, and he always did go back to Helen, who endeavoured to calm him down with cod liver oil and Plasmon Cocoa. Helen in her frumpy frocks, hair plaited round her head, generous, emotional, always at the mercy of her menstrual cycle: a poignant reminder of that golden age of womanhood when marrying a genius seemed more or less enough.

This is an old-fashioned book in a good sense, gaining more from acumen than it loses from prolixity. It is at its best, and tersest, in the Thomas-at-war chapters. The letters from France are, like the entries in the diaries, clear and laconic, detailed, realistic. Edward writes almost happily to Helen from the trenches:

I simply watched the shells changing the landscape... but the sun shone and leaves and partridges and magpies made love and the trench was being made passable for the wounded that will be harvested in a day or two.

The last love letter, also the final nature note.

Big names and good writers on parade

CHILDREN
Brian AldersonTHE CHILDREN'S BOOK
Edited by Nick Butterworth
Walter Books, £2.99

The *Children's Book* is the most newsworthy - and the slimmest - of a number of recent anthologies. Just published, for instance, is *The Puffin Children's Treasury* edited by Clifton Fadiman (Viking Kestrel, £15.95), a heavy book at a heavy price. It has the virtue of containing a sizeable number of complete books or stories that every child should have a chance to hear. *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, for instance, or *Johnny Crow's Garden* - but it does so at more than financial cost. For one thing, especially with books like *Johnny Crow* it wrecks the integrity of a text designed to work alongside pictures for another thing it makes nothing of the opportunity to point children towards real, unanthologized books that they may be inspired to read by browsing through this selection.

Failure to build on potential is also the character of *The Illustrated Treasury of Modern Literature for Children* - an unlikely title to arrive from Hamlyn (£7.95). It eschews completeness entirely, being constructed on the "Now read on..." principle, with bleeding chunks from our famous contemporaries served up with colourful bumper-book illustrations.

A frugal Featherston named Hein: Composed limericks of only two lines.

To teach the young idea how to shoot

William Jackson

SOLDIERS
By John Keegan and Richard Holmes
Hamish Hamilton, £12.95

of future British military commanders in the relevance of history, without dampening their enthusiasm for the profession of arms, they have not minimized the stark realities of war. On the contrary, they emphasize its inhumanity and cruelty, and they demonstrate the ways by which sane men have brought themselves to withstand fear in the defence of their countries or ideals, through various forms of discipline and regimental spirit, appropriate to the epoch and to different races of people.

Most of us, who are still cadets at heart, can enjoy *Soldiers* as much as the professionals. Whilst it is the book companion for the forthcoming BBC TV series, it is much more than that: it is a major work on military evolution in its own right, spanning recent history from 3,000 BC to the present day. Its construction can be criticized for the way in which chronology has been abandoned to satisfy the demands of the TV producer for the usual 13 self-contained episodes. The development of each fighting arm - infantry, cavalry, tanks, gunners, and sappers - is treated separately, but the coherence of the book is saved by sandwiching the Arms' episodes between two excellently comprehensive opening chapters "The Face of Battle" and "Fighting Spirit", and the concluding chapter, "Experience of War", which pulls the whole work together.

It is all too easy when covering such a vast canvas to over-emphasize the technicalities of warfare and weapons, and to underplay the human element in both its exhilarations and matching horrors. Although the authors' day to day trade is to fire the interest

Soon after the Second World War, Field Marshal Montgomery, when questioned about the influence of his studies of military history upon his subsequent policies, used to reply impishly in his high, strident voice: "Study it, study it, but remember it starts with me - I have made all the rest irrelevant."

Whether the Army took him seriously or not, military history was dropped from the entrance exam syllabus and the curriculum of the Staff College at Camberley, but it was kept alive by John Keegan and his predecessors at Sandhurst. The pendulum is now swinging back, as the lessons of history before Montgomery are seen to be just as relevant to the nuclear era as in any other age. The standard of Keegan's and Holmes's *Soldiers* suggests that Sandhurst's War Studies faculty has much to offer to both colleges, which, though catering for different age groups, are separated geographically only by the small and insignificant Wish Stream.

Eyes of the storm

David Hunt

THE FRINGES OF POWER
Downing Street Diaries
1939-1955
By Sir John Colville
Hodder & Stoughton, £14.95

This must be the most historically valuable of all the published diaries covering the middle years of this century. It is also the most readable. More authoritative than Harold Nicolson's and more entertaining even than Chips Channon's I find it is likely to supplement Ciano's diary as my favourite bedtime reading.

Jack Colville, so known to his friends and to all the Churchill family, is uniquely qualified to chronicle what future writers may call the British Epic. From 1939 to 1945 he was Private Secretary to three Prime Ministers: Chamberlain, Churchill and Attlee, with an interval of over two years during which he trained as a fighter pilot with the RAF and flew on operations. From 1947 to 1949 he was Private Secretary to the then Princess Elizabeth. When Churchill returned in 1951 he was summoned back to No 10 to serve until the resignation of 1955. Remaining a close friend of the family he was appointed by Churchill a trustee and an executor.

Churchill is the main theme of the book, and this is by far the best picture of him that exists. It is especially valuable as a record of his conversation, something that Lord Moran, for all his Boswellian ambitions, was unsuccessful at reproducing. The presentation has a proper artistic shape. We begin with the "despair" felt by Chamberlain's loyal secretaries at the thought of his replacement by a man whom Colville had just stigmatized as verbose, ineffective, and harmful. But as we read further, entranced by the fall of nations and empires while at the centre of "the gale of the world" each successive day's events are recorded by this preternaturally mature young man, we are conscious of

a gradual change of perspective. The unstable and unscrupulous politician reveals himself, first, as the man who will save Britain and, secondly, as a person who deserves not only obedience but affection.

The description of Churchill's second Prime Ministership is like a cadenza performed by a master to round off the artistic shape of the book. Some revelations about the operations to seize the Suez canal in 1956, in three appendices, provide a coda. On the evidence presented here Churchill was fully equal to his duties, certainly up to his stroke in 1953, an incident most vividly described in his personal and constitutional aspects.

Revelations are what most people expect from diaries. There are plenty here, but since the writer allowed Martin Gilbert free access for his life of Churchill many have already appeared there, where indeed they sparkingly enliven the narrative. It was already known, for instance, that Sir John's evidence disproves the story of Churchill leaving Coventry to suffer to preserve the secret of our decipherment of German signals, which was promulgated by Winterbotham and Stephenson.

The author's position at the centre of political events, and in society, means that names are dropped in almost every page. He has provided copious biographical notes which, though miraculously concise, are illuminating and just. His Salustian talent for epigram is usually tempered by charity. To call Bert Ewart, sometime Australian External Affairs Minister, "self-assertive and devoid of charm" is as laconic as it is well expressed; "cantankerous and maddening" words applied to the Duke of Windsor on 19th July 1940, would have been equally appropriate. Generally his characterizations, whether of the flamboyant Keynes or Liddell Hart in defeatist mood, or the vain-glorious Montgomery, are temperate and balanced. Vanity is his vice, he dislikes, and exposes, even in a man he so much admired as Chamberlain.

Forty years on when afar and ablunder

John Campbell

NOW THE WAR IS OVER
A Social History of Britain
1945-51
By Paul Addison
BBC/Cape, £10.95

It takes 40 years for a period to come into focus. Only after that lapse of time do the memories of those who lived through events begin to be synthesized and supplemented by the work of historians too young to remember them. Suddenly the late Forties have swum into the range of this binocular vision. By television programmes, commercially-contrived "nostalgia" and solemn ceremonies of remembrance, the generation who fought and survived the war are led to relive the momentous landmarks of their youth - D-Day, VE-Day, Labour's election victory, Hiroshima; while simultaneously their children, the generation born in those very years, are unearthing in the Public Record Office and other storehouses of the written truth plans, provisions and precautions known at the time only to very few. Paul Addison's new book is an almost perfect marriage of these two processes.

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For 20 years that achievement was almost universally regarded as a beneficent and typically British revolution which laid the foundation for an unprecedented age of prosperity and civil harmony. Recently, as both have faltered, the post-war settlement has come under attack from all sides as the root of all our ills. Too much socialism, says the new right; socialism betrayed, cry the left. By reminding us of the overwhelming problems the Attlee Government faced, Dr Addison puts the tremendous improvements it wrought back into a true perspective. He also reminds us that the result was not "socialism" as Labour Ministers had always envisaged it. From Attlee's Hailsham and Limehouse boys of service and fair play to Beran's autodidactic Welsh Marxist, they all looked forward to a society culturally and morally elevated by collective effort. They were unprepared for the discovery that all people wanted to do when rationing was lifted was enjoy themselves.

From a pocket of nationalism in German-occupied Russia during the Second World War spread the events and loyalties which culminate in the tragedy at the heart of Thomas Kenally's fine new novel, *A Family Madness*. Based on an actual incident reported in Sydney, Kenally's story illustrates an innocent if brash new world contaminated by old-world sins.

Terry Delaney, a married security officer and semi-professional rugby player goes to work for the Belorussian Kabbal family, father, two sons, and a daughter with whom he becomes involved. Their family history is interspersed throughout the contemporary narrative providing fascinating glimpses into the motivations and home life of Rudi's father, a man who played at politics for high stakes. In exchange for a spurious promise of independence, he assisted the Germans in the destruction of the Belorussian Jewish population. Ducking and weaving through Europe, his survival owes to the chapters on Terry Delaney, a simple man whose experience of combat is limited to the rugby field, and whose certainties seem to be threatened by both past and future.

Kenally's superb story-telling draws in the net until Terry becomes yet another broken survivor of the European nationalist infighting which in this case has reduced itself to the territory of one crazy family.

The novel obviously has links with Kenally's previous novel, *Schindler's Ark*, but has changed tack yet again and moved forward to examine the effect of such a past on the future. As such it has an alarming determinism, which, coupled with the Kabbal family's conviction of an impending apocalypse, provides another strand to the complexities which lie behind

Old sins in brash new world

FICTION

Gillian Greenwood

A FAMILY MADNESS
By Thomas Kenally
Hodder & Stoughton, £9.95THE ACCIDENTAL TOURIST
By Anne Tyler
Eshott & Windus, £8.95LIGHT YEARS
By Maggie Gee
Faber, £9.95COUSIN ROSAMUND
By Rebecca West
Macmillan, £9.95

Kenally's strong narrative framework.

A violent and incomprehensible death in the family is the precipitant of Anne Tyler's brilliant domestic American tragedy-comedy, *The Accidental Tourist*. Macon and Sarah Leary's only son, Ethan, has been murdered during the robbery of a "Bonanza Bar" while away at summer camp. The marriage cracks as Macon, self-contained at the best of times, withdraws into patterns of obsessive behaviour in a desperate attempt to stem the dissolution of his orderly personality.

The "accidental tourist" of the title is the title of a series of guide books which Macon compiles. The object of the exercise is to convey Mr

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Last post from Calvino

Elaine Feinstein

MR PALOMAR
By Italo Calvino
Translated by William Weaver
Secker & Warburg, £8.50

The last story in this volume takes on a sad pertinence in the week of Italo Calvino's own death. It is called "Learning to be dead", and in it the central character, Mr Palomar, sets himself the task of imagining a world no longer even minimally affected by his presence: an extreme form of the uneasy, self-questioning curiosity which forms all the other stories in the book. Since *Invisible Cities* (1972) Calvino has been recognizable as the most magically ingenious of contemporary Italian novelists; and readers discover that Mr Palomar's attempt at objective description is claimed and explored only to be playfully exposed.

Though his name may recall the famous observatory, a man is not a telescope. Mr Palomar's method works most straightforwardly as he watches the overwhelming difficulties experienced by mating tortoises impeded by the configuration of their bone plates; and even in that tale conjectures arise about the nature of their erotic response. However strictly Mr Palomar may wish to impose upon himself the rule "stick to what I see", the best things mysteriously exploit the impossibility of doing so. Even as he describes terraces, galantries, and trifles, gluttony stirs and invites another kind of analysis. In the ordinary sense, there are no stories, though there is certainly comic action. In "The

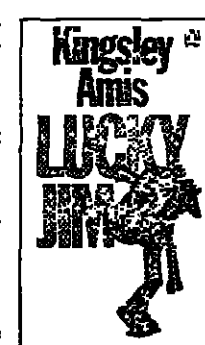
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THE TIMES DIARY

Neil goes to Liverpool

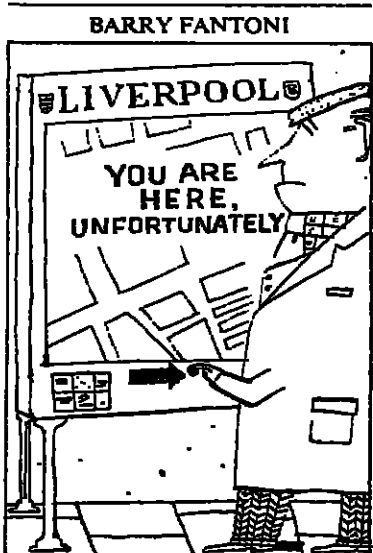
Neil Kinnock is really taking the battle to the enemy. Having caused a conference sensation by denouncing Liverpool's ruling Militants on Tuesday, he has now, I learn, agreed to enter the lions' den itself. He has accepted an invitation from the left-wing, but non-Militant, Merseyside County Council to visit Liverpool on October 21. Will he meet Derek Hatton and company at City Hall? "We shall see," said his press officer, Patricia Hewitt yesterday. One group he almost certainly will meet is the Black Caucus. This group is at war with the city council over the appointment of Sam Bond, a Militant supporter from Brent, as the city's race relations adviser.

Cold print

There is risk attached to the posed publicity shots so beloved by politicians. So, for example, Labour's new general secretary, Larry Whitty, and employment spokesman John Smith, decided to endure an early morning swim in the chilly English Channel yesterday morning for the sake of the cameras. Sadly just one newspaper, the *Daily Telegraph*, turned up. The two politicians bravely performed regardless.

Red hot tapes

Neil Kinnock's oratorical tours de force have not just raised party morale. They are also raising funds. The capitalist entrepreneur who in previous years has made handsome profits by selling tapes of conference speeches has been barred this year. The party is producing tapes itself. Demand for Kinnock's speech denouncing Liverpool Militants is even after three reprints - proving quite insatiable.



Educating Maggie

Margaret Thatcher will not be able to ignore Neil Kinnock after his performance this week. But it was not always so. Just before the 1983 election, one political editor was interviewing her when news of Kinnock's visit to Liverpool reached her. Outraged, she asked who had made the remark. "Mr Kinnock," replied Derek Howe, her parliamentary liaison officer. "Who?" she replied. "Mr Kinnock," he repeated. "Oh, Mr Kinnock. He's the spokesman for..." "Education," said Howe helpfully.

Dramatic Rolex

Reader Julie Rooth reports a flaw in the otherwise excellent Anthony Quayle production of *The Tempest* at the Theatre Royal in Bath. Sebastian had just cried: "Look! He's winding up the watch of his wit," when by some subliminal association the grief-stricken King of Naples, played by Tony Britton, glanced at his wrist. The King turned his back to the audience, rolled on to the floor and... issuing a series of anguished sobs - slipped off the offending Rolex.

Life and soul

Today's confidential memo from BBC radio comes the schoolmasterly pen of an External Broadcasting controller, David Witherow. He calls on M.D.X.B., S.Pers.O.S., S.A. to Ch.Pers. O.X.B. and H.M.X.B.P. (whoever they are) to make known the need for restraint at BBC Christmas parties. Permission must be sought, guest lists kept within reason, agreed ending times observed and "if alcoholic drinks are to be served... a senior member of staff must undertake to stay to the end of the party to see that it is properly conducted". He adds: "These rulings need not, I hope, put a damper on the proceedings".

● The peacenik career of the foreign secretary's son continues apace. I am told Alec Howe has just been interviewed by the soon-to-be-launched nuclear freeze campaign for the post of press officer.

Deserting rat

Those who sat through April's debate at the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising are smirking at the news of Roland Rat's defection to the BBC. Michael Grade, controller of BBC1, speaking against ads on the corporation, regaled the debate audience with an account of TV-am's early history. "And so the mission to explain dissolved and soon began a downward spiral of quality until Roland Rat entered to save the sinking ship." Looks as if Roland's spotted another.

PHS

Don't theorize - organize

by Ken Livingstone

Despite the excitement of the week in Bournemouth, the Labour Party has once again failed to use the opportunity of Annual Conference to discuss the substantial organizational problems facing the party.

No one could be more interested in the debates over party policy than I am: indeed there are those who say I am too interested. I join in the arguments and pore over the minutiae of National Executive Committee statements with the best. But there comes a point - and mid-term in Margaret Thatcher's second term seems as good a time as any - when the party as a whole needs to consider its electoral machinery. All party members should ask themselves - does our organization work, and are our attitudes right?

We need to ask why, for a party which seeks to represent the mass of our people, our membership is so unrepresentative of our voters and supporters. What is it about the party that puts off so many from joining?

Take the black sections debate. The point at which this became an ideological dogfight between left and right was the point at which sensible discussion around the real issues became impossible. The fact is that many Asian and Afro-Caribbean voters believe they are not welcome in the party, that they don't have a stake in it. Because the party has no accurate membership profiles, there's no way of telling how many

black members we have, but any calculation would suggest they are under-represented. On the other hand some blacks feel strongly that they do not want to be hived off into separate sections. Instead of using the opportunity to discuss the real issue of institutional racism, and how the party can become more responsive, it has degenerated into a slanging match.

All the evidence is that our macho style of politics at constituency meetings puts women off. Branch meetings are held at exactly the times when child care eats up women's time. How many constituencies take this into account and arrange childcare? How many male activists - who happily mouth off about women's rights - have considered whether their attitudes and behaviour constitute one of the prime reasons for the absence of women members?

The party is still trying to win elections with a ramshackle structure, riddled with inefficiencies. Despite all the brave words about reorganization of head office, the new team there is beginning to look like the old mixture. The party's regional offices are still used predominantly to police the constitution, instead of as campaigning organizers. There are no plans for a massive recruitment drive. The real possibilities opened up when the

party agreed to workplace branches have been wasted.

It is incredible that with a maximum of 32 months before the next election the conference is not discussing these matters. We remain an inward-looking party with an increasingly bunker mentality. We seem incapable of engaging people's energies, enthusiasms and skills. We fail to reach people on the issues they care about. Why, for example, was it left to Live Aid to show that compassion and caring can be harnessed so powerfully? Why is the party not developing organizational links with those pressure groups and voluntary bodies whose concerns are the same as ours?

The new NEC elected this week must address these matters as a priority. We want head office and the regional structure turned into an efficient machine that can get our policies over to the electorate. For too long head office seems to have been more concerned with servicing an interminable number of NEC committees. The NEC will need to determine priorities within tight budgetary constraints - and let regions and constituents in on the secret so that they can play their part in establishing the party as the only credible and coherent alternative government.

We need imagination and flair to capture people's commitment. There is an enormous pool of talented artists who would give their services. Our experience with the GLC Jobs Festivals shows just how impressive an audience can be reached in these ways. Voluntary effort in other fields - particularly in helping to give our campaigning and publicity materials a professional touch - must be tapped.

Our appeal should be more subtle and wide-ranging than in the past. We have to target voting groups more effectively and develop sub-themes which appeal to those too often ignored - or those who feel the party is not interested in them. The policies of this government have been in direct conflict with the interests of the vast majority of people in this country. The policies of the SDP and the Liberals will have the same effect. There is no evidence whatsoever that progressive left policies themselves alienate voters. The GLC experience is all to the contrary. It is the overall image - whether people believe the party has the answers and can govern the country effectively and compassionately - that counts. Labour will only win the next election if the party thinks seriously about how it becomes an efficient machine that can win elections.

The author, leader of the GLC, is the prospective Labour parliamentary candidate for Brent East.

Sarah Hogg on why the Star Chamber, selected today, is still necessary

The autumn sound of falling budgets

We cannot, it seems, do without the "Star Chamber". Yet again this small committee of senior Cabinet ministers is to dispense rough justice in the matter of public spending, taking over where the Treasury has failed to resolve differences and leaving Mrs Thatcher to act as a final judge only for those ministers with the temerity to appeal unto Caesar.

As each minister's turn comes before the Star Chamber, the traditional autumn sounds of departmental politicking will be heard. Skilled campaigners will choose their moment to let it be known that such-and-such a hospital is under threat; that another block of public housing is about to collapse; that flight commanders have run out of fuel. This is the peak of the battle for Treasury resources, and all's fair in the public spending war.

Since the government is attempting nothing more dramatic than to hold to targets long agreed by the Cabinet, it might seem extraordinary that each struggle should be such a cliffhanger. One excuse is that the margin of disagreement sounds larger than it is. This year it began at about £5 billion, was fairly painlessly reduced to £3 billion and is now down to about £1 billion. Big money, maybe, but in real only about three-quarters of a per cent of the planned total of £139 billion. Not many big contractors in Britain (let alone your local builder) can be relied on to stick that close to target.

This excuse, however, will not quite wash. For this budget battle is going on before the spending starts. It relates to the plans for 1986-87. The total will finally include a "reserve" of about £5 billion intended to cover unforeseen extras incurred when the new financial year is actually under way.

The Thatcher government has invested a lot of its financial credibility in the attempt to leave spending targets unchanged from year to year. Its last real failure was in late 1981, when the target for the following financial year had to be raised by £5 billion. Since then, plans have remained set in concrete - even if actual expenditure overshoot the target, as it did in the special coal-strike circumstances of 1984-85.

Yet often, the autumn negotiations have been overshadowed by the struggle to stay within limits for the year already under way. This year, in an attempt to damp down the usual autumn rumours that expenditure was out of control, the Chancellor jacked up his "reserve". In consequence, the City has remained remarkably calm. All eyes are fixed on the battle for 1986-87. Next year's target will undoubtedly be hard to meet. The first difficulty is that all the easy options have been exhausted by 10 years of struggle. It was in 1975 that Denis Healey and Joel Barnett first cut back spending, to an extent never

matched by any of Mrs Thatcher's Treasury ministers.

Second, the search has been conducted in ways that perversely made the options harder. If the supply of public cash is squeezed, without any corresponding measures to increase the efficiency with which it is used, the result will inevitably be cuts in services. But why have there been such squeezes, when the real cost of public spending has risen 1.5 per cent a year? The third reason for trouble is a shift in the pattern of spending. Defence costs more; housing has had to put up with less. Health more; education less.

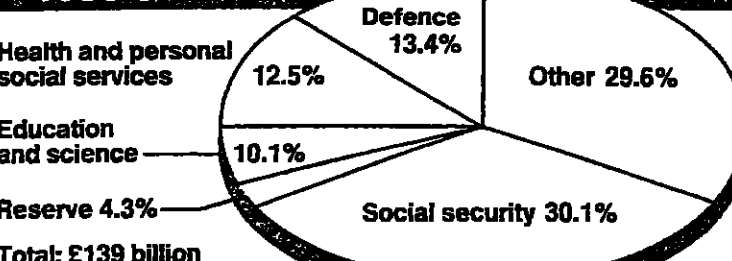
This leads to the fourth source of pressure. Demands for money are based on very different arguments. The health budget may have risen, but all the health authorities can see is that the number of elderly, the demand for care and the possibilities of saving life have all increased much faster. On the other hand, teachers see falling school rolls not as a reason for lower budgets but as an opportunity to improve the

service. In the eyes of both groups, spending has been cut.

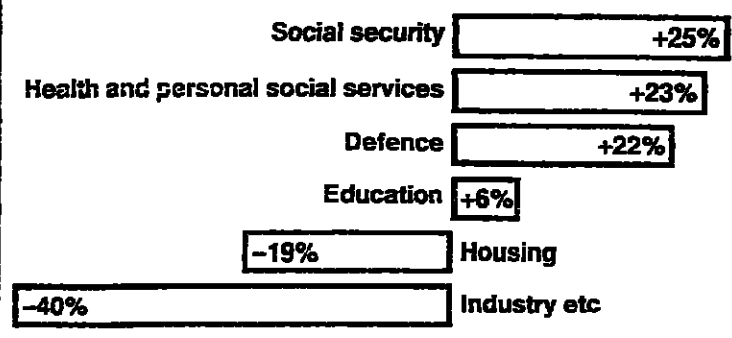
But the fifth difficulty is perhaps the most acute. These immutable plans are written in shifting sand. Apart from the extra £2 billion added to the reserve, the total Treasury is struggling to hold for next year was first published in early 1984. By the time it ends, the forecasts on which it was based will be more than three years old.

Sometimes, reality will have turned out to be better than forecast. Inflation, for a time, fell faster than the Treasury predicted. But wages rose quite as fast, if not faster, so the pressure on the public sector wage bill was just as intense. And this year, inflation itself rose more than the Treasury forecast. Although it is expected to subside back on track next year, it has pushed up the baseline for public spending by the problem compounded by the issue of post-dated pay promises to public employees when this year's allowance proved inadequate. Output also rose faster than forecast, but unemployment rose even faster.

SHARES IN PUBLIC SPENDING PLANS 1986-87



PLANNED CHANGES, 1983-84 to 1987-88



Cheaper fare, but still unfair

Nicholas Bethell explains why he is taking British Airways to court

Anyone would think, judging from British Airways press releases and certain travel articles, that the age of the new Anglo-Dutch agreement, we are told, enables us to fly from London to Amsterdam and back for a mere £55. Agreements with Germany and Luxembourg are also lowering prices and the way has been paved for accord between EEC countries during the organization's forthcoming Dutch and British presidencies.

If I could believe we really were on the threshold of a true common market in European air travel, I would. But I don't and that is why my writ alleging violation of the competition articles of the Treaty of Rome will be served on BA today.

BA threw away the opportunity given it by the government last year to pioneer free competition. Instead of simply lowering its tariffs on the Amsterdam route, it signed an agreement with KLM, the only other airline flying the route out of Heathrow, to fix identical fares and pool their revenue. This agreement is illegal, I believe, and it keeps tickets to the Netherlands either more expensive or more restricted than they would otherwise be.

BA and KLM keep the no-strings-attached return fare at £162, which is, according to British Midland Airways chairman Michael Bishop, 20-25 per cent higher than it would be in a free market. BA's reply is that it has introduced a "brave new

fare" on the route - the double standby at £55 (formerly £49) return. It is a magnificent price, the brightest jewel in BA's crown.

It is presented as a revolutionary breakthrough, a giant step. It turns out to be of use, however, only to a small minority of travellers.

The number of seats available at £55 on any given flight is a commercial secret but demand often exceeds supply. Reservations can be made no earlier than the day before departure, and the fare cannot be booked on the telephone.

A successful passenger, armed with his £55 ticket, finds that his troubles are less than half over. The standby reservation covers only the outward journey. The return has to be booked in Amsterdam, again no earlier than the day before departure. Anyone finding the small allocation of standby seats already taken for the day or time required then realizes that the return half of his £55 ticket is virtually useless. He will be invited to buy a Eurobudget or Club ticket and pay for it in Dutch florins - £74 or £86 one way.

Admittedly, the £55 fare has attracted more London-Amsterdam passengers. Traffic on all airlines went up 16 per cent last year, against 10 per cent on other top routes. But

this is less impressive in view of the opportunities that a virtually free market offers on Europe's second most popular route after London to Paris.

British Caledonian, which offers a less complicated £55 fare, bookable both ways in London, and an even more flexible "time flyer" return fare of between £69 and £109, achieved a 22 per cent increase in the same period, despite being confined to Gatwick. If BA had competed with KLM out of Heathrow, rather than carving the route up between them, real progress would have been possible.

When British Midland first tried to introduce cheaper fares and better service on flights from London to Glasgow, Edinburgh and Belfast, BA tried to block it by High Court action. BA later introduced a "Super Shuttle" which matched British Midland's fares.

British Midland survived BA's onslaught, including the use of Concordes on 400-mile domestic flights. British Midland now charges a £61 single fare on its three main routes and £59 on the 240-mile Heathrow-Teesside flight. BA's Heathrow-Paris Club fare is £89 for 209 miles.

Before British Midland's inter-

vention, BA served no refreshments on its shuttle flights. Now both airlines provide seat allocation, breakfast in the morning and drinks in the evening, as well as cheaper fares. These are the benefits of competition.

British Midland is applying to fly Heathrow-Amsterdam at fares much lower than the £162 return set by BA and KLM. If the Civil Aviation Authority gives permission, BA may well fight back, as it did over domestic routes.

The £55 fare would be the ideal weapon in a price war. It is very flexible, and by increasing its availability during British Midland's crucial first months on the route, BA and KLM could preserve their domination of the route.

This is why I believe that the BA-KLM agreement must be challenged under European law as soon as possible. A court decision that such agreements between airlines are unlawful will also help "liberal" Britain and Holland overcome the hostility to change that is embedded in the other eight EEC governments.

Nicholas Ridley, the transport minister, who now agrees that the Treaty of Rome's competition rules apply to air transport, would improve his own consistency if he outlawed such agreements.

Lord Bethell is Conservative MEP for London North-West and chairman of the Freedom of the Skies campaign.

Ronald Butt

A flaw Kinnock cannot master

Labour's basic problem is the creed which has traditionally provided its inspiration. It is, in principle, a socialist party, and the British people are deeply anti-socialist because they understand socialism to be statist and therefore damaging to democracy.

When they have voted Labour into power it has been because they were sure this principle would be practised only marginally. They gave Labour its 1945 landslide victory because the performance of Clement Attlee and his colleagues in the wartime coalition was evidence of their moderation as well as of their patriotism.

The socialist extremism of much pre-war Labour rhetoric (including Attlee's) seemed a thing of the past. The people wanted social reform and a welfare state of some sort, and Labour seemed more likely than the Tories to apply the Beveridge principle wholeheartedly. If there was to be some nationalization of basic industries in need of regeneration, and of utilities which were natural monopolies, why not? A pragmatically mixed economy would not be genuinely socialist. Labour was elected as a reformist party inheriting the mantle of Lloyd George Liberalism.

Even so, it was quickly evident that the electors disliked the more socialist aspects of its policy. In every subsequent election until the two most recent, nationalization in particular has therefore been softened. Harold Wilson won power in 1963 on a programme of social democracy, with planning by co-operation rather than compulsion and intervention paid for painlessly by economic growth.

The second Wilson-Callaghan administration took office after many unions had come under much more left-wing management, and had gained new aggressive power from their defeat of the Heath government. Labour allowed the unions to determine much of its policy in the hope of an anti-inflationary deal on pay and productivity, but the hope was vain and the Callaghan government lost office as a result of disruptive union action.

The socialist left was capturing the places of power in the party and the old left connived at heavy Marxist infiltration. Under Michael Foot, Labour turned into a fundamentally socialist party. The defeats of 1979 and 1983, and the emergence of the Alliance, marked the nation's rejection of what Labour had become.

Since then the hard left has become harder. It has carved out power for itself in some local authorities and used it arbitrarily. It is openly contemptuous of parliamentary government. Scargill has likewise tried to use union power to destroy an elected government. Neil Kinnock knows that unless he can reestablish Labour's democratic credentials it will again

be defeated, and may then disintegrate. Hence his attack this week on the vicious abuse of power in Liverpool and his resistance yesterday to the miners' demands.

Kinnock's belated stand is merely the minimum needed for Labour to stay in serious political business. Though he can declare his own and his colleagues' position he cannot change the character of the party. He was given overwhelming support for his attack on Derek Hatton of Liverpool. But Hatton's is a minority cause even on the Labour left, and yesterday it was Arthur Scargill who had the standing ovation of the majority of delegates and was plainly closest to the party's heart.

Kinnock has at last unambiguously condemned the methods of the miners' strike. But the electorate will remember that he was not as forthright while the damage was being done.

The voters understand, too, the anti-democratic urges which are so widespread in the activists' Labour Party, which would be holding a knife to Kinnock's back if he became prime minister. A democracy is not likely to be attracted by a party which votes to indemnify lawbreakers retrospectively, which enthusiastically applauds a delegate for talking about the "so-called terrorists" in Ulster and the "terrorist in 10 Downing Street", and which passes a resolution saying that police activities during the miners' strike highlighted "the trend to an authoritarian state and requiring these police to be placed under a newly elected political representative, such as Ken Livingstone or Paul Boateng."

Labour's parliamentary leaders only stand against the anti-democratic demands of the dominant activists when they have no alternative. Too often they simply toady to extremist demands, giving no comfort to the decent people who remain in the party. Thus Gerald Kaufman, the shadow home secretary, was content to support the demand for police accountability to elected (political) bodies and to try to please his audience by saying that the two police chiefs, Sir Kenneth Newman and James Anderson, must cease political intervention.

To get anywhere in the present Labour Party, its politicians must abase themselves to intolerant attitudes which they must despise. They must yield to demands for a socialist state which they know the people do not want. Then, if they get power, they must resist the extremist forces which their connivance has helped entrench.

Kinnock is to be praised for a brave fight this week. But Labour's voters will not easily be persuaded that he has a democratic party behind him, or have much confidence in his assertion that under socialism the state would be their servant. Their historical instinct is that it would be their master.

moreover... Miles Kingston

Time to clear your grotto now

The summer gardening season is now almost at an end (writes Compost) but this does not mean that we can relax our vigilance. Today I would like to give you a small series of hints on how to prepare your garden or parkland for the coming autumn.

Herbs, first of all. The pots of parsley, mint, chives, basil, etc which have so delighted your visitors during the summer months should now be taken back to the garden centre from which you hired them for the season. In the unlikely event that you grew them yourself, now is the time to have one last glorious herb soup or salad. This is done by clipping off all the green bits and eating them. Some gardeners like to convert their herbs into herbal soap, but personally I find the routine of washing my face in the morning and finding lots of green particles stuck to your features more of a chore than a pleasure.

Leaves are a problem. For reasons best known to itself, nature has decreed that all the leaves should fall at one time of the year, blocking drains and covering flower beds. The normal solution - spreading sheets of polythene under all your trees and catching leaves for disposal by the refuse people - is not always practicable for the simple reason that it takes more than 10 acres to deal with. This year I am adapting the stubble-burning technique beloved of our farmers, and attempting to set fire to the leaves while still on the trees, after spraying them with an inflammable mixture from a light aircraft. I will let you know how this works out.

Annuals should now be rooted out, and so should biennials and perennials if you have got sick of them. But what to replace them with? Readers often complain to me, quite correctly, that garden flowers are always attacked by slugs, insects, flies and so on, which weeds seem comparatively unscathed. I sometimes detect a lingering desire among readers to go over wholly to the cultivation of weeds, in the knowledge that they will flourish bounteously and unchecked.

This tendency should be strongly resisted. The logical thing to do is introduce into your garden breeds of insect which have been trained to prefer weeds to flowers. After some years of research at the Moreover Laboratories we have now perfected many weed-loving insects and snails, and now is the time to implant them into your garden so that next year your flowers will be free from attack. Write to me c/o Moreover for details of these revolutionary little beasts.

Your birds of passage will soon be preparing for the long trip south, if they have not gone already, and these should be correctly labelled and equipped for the arduous journey. Many a southward bound migrant bird has had its life saved in the Sahara Desert by a packet of flies or a tin of marmalade, or a leg by an English gardener. Two words of warning: don't overload the bird, so that it is condemned to fly through France at 100 feet, or it will surely be shot by a French "sportsman". And don't mistakenly label birds that are spending the winter here: nothing confuses a British bird more than flying round the Home Counties during the winter months with a small label reading "South Africa non-stop".

Many of you with larger gardens or parks will have pieces of priceless statuary littered through your ornamental walks. These should be taken in for the winter, cleaned and clearly labelled with the name of the ancestor they are meant to represent, or the imaginary scene from Greek mythology in which they are involved. It is normal to put one or two on the market for American collectors, so that a collection can be raised to keep this part of the English heritage in the country - always good for a few thousand quid.

Gazebos, pergolas, grottoes and ha-ha should be stripped, repainted, refurbished and weather-proofed. If you are not sure what any of these are, or if you have any, consult a good dictionary. Hours of fun are guaranteed as you get side-tracked on to other words which are never used outside Scrabble or Anthony Burgess novels. If you have a hermit living in your grotto, he should be brought inside for the winter now; alternatively, his life insurance premiums should be increased.

Finally, all apple trees, plum trees, nut trees, in fact fruit trees of any kind, should be grubbed up and destroyed. This is because you are almost certainly breaking some Common Law regulation simply by growing them. I send you to me for a free copy of the EEC booklet: "Why your harmless old-fashioned apple tree is endangering civilization as we know it, oh yes it is, and you could be fined thousands of pounds."

Oh, and don't forget to send away your mower for servicing now. It won't be serviced any earlier than if you wait till next summer, but at least that gets it out of the house.



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BUT CAN THE PARTY CHANGE?

Mr Kinnoch yesterday raised the stakes in his psychological struggle with the forces of Labour's anti-democratic left. His target the day before had been the easier one of Mr Derek Hatton, who is unloved even by many on Labour's left. Yesterday Mr Kinnoch's fire was directed at the much more formidable figure of Mr Scargill with his powerful allies among other over-mighty trade union barons. Mr Scargill also has the support of the great majority of Labour constituency activists as the avocation given him yesterday showed. It was also fore-ordained that he would win the card vote on his demand that his union should be retroactively reimbursed for its fines during the miners' strike. Mr Kinnoch might, therefore, have contented himself with taking his stand on respect for the law and on the absurdity of supposing that Labour could be elected to power if it so demonstrated contempt for the law.

Mr Kinnoch, however, went further. He took the war into Mr Scargill's camp, assailing him for his conduct of the strike; for calling it without a ballot and at the wrong time of the year; for denying the miners' unity and solidarity; and for having as his tactics nothing but mass picketing. The strike, Mr Kinnoch said contemptuously, was never really thought out.

Why did he not say all that while the strike was on? He might then have helped prevent much waste and anguish. Still, late is better than never, and Mr

Kinnoch must be applauded for a brave stand. Naturally, it gives rise to comparisons with Gaiskell's fight against his party conference. Yet the differences between the two cases are greater and more instructive than the similarities.

First, whereas Gaiskell fought on a clear and single issue of policy - multilateral nuclear disarmament against the conference's unilateralism - Mr Kinnoch fights not on a central point of policy but to resist an attempt by a sectarian element in the party to commit a Labour government to a blatant exercise of interest politics designed to register the power of the unions against the law. It is none the less important for that. Indeed, it symbolizes the extent to which the left has ceased to occupy itself much with the details of policy which were once its battleground. Instead, it concentrates on extra-parliamentary action intended to undermine the social fabric. Mr Kinnoch sees that this must be resisted, but it is something much harder to come to grips with than a dispute over policy carried on within the usual party channels.

Secondly, Gaiskell had allies in the parliamentary party and the unions who were prepared to campaign actively to reverse the conference decision, and a year later succeeded. He had union supporters who were prepared to throw their resources and their influence behind him. Above all, perhaps, he had a movement to recapture the constituency par-

ties for moderate Labour politics - the Campaign for Democratic Socialism.

There is no such resistance today. It is true that in one or two union leaders, notably Mr Eric Hammond, Mr Kinnoch has similar allies. But it is by no means clear that Mr Hammond (the delegates revealed their true disposition by howling him down yesterday) is as prepared to dissipate his energies on internal Labour party fighting to the extent that the Gaiskellite union leaders were. Mr Hammond's members, with their rising standards and sense of responsibility, have other priorities. Nor is there any sign of a movement to recapture control of Labour constituencies for moderation.

Yet their recapture is all the more important now that they have the power, under the reselection procedure for MPs, gradually to recast the parliamentary party itself in their own anti-democratic image. If they succeed, Mr Kinnoch, who already lacks colleagues of stature who are committed to moderation, will have no base from which to fight.

If his struggle is to amount to more than words, the Labour constituency parties must be won back to democratic politics and removed from the control of extremist infiltrators who do not represent Labour voters. Unfortunately, nobody in the Labour party seems to work as hard at this as the infiltrators themselves.

WE ARE ALL MONETARISTS NOW

The appointment of Professor Brian Griffiths to head the Policy Unit at Downing Street has been portrayed as if some kind of "monetarist guru" had to be brought in to resuscitate the principles of a doctrine now said to be discredited. The Professor certainly believes that sound money policies are the essential ingredient in the fight against inflation. Moreover he seems to appreciate more profoundly than most politicians or economists that inflation is not a reputable policy option for governments but is at heart a moral issue since any policy of deliberate inflation relies on an act of deceit at the very heart of government, corrupting the whole policy as a result, and literally stealing unadmitted money from the taxpayer.

If Professor Griffiths' arrival at the heart of government results in a renewed sense of discipline and urgency to fight inflation so much the better, since self-discipline is all that the western governments were left with in August 1971 when President Nixon suspended the dollar's convertibility into gold. What he referred to as a "temporary suspension" has so far lasted fourteen years, giving rise to many of the problems confronting the world's finance ministers and bankers attending the annual World Bank/IMF jamboree in South Korea.

The essence of the Bretton Woods system which was abandoned in 1971 was that the

dollar was tied to gold and other currencies were tied to the dollar. That system gave the world twenty six years which, compared to the last fourteen, were models of stability and prosperity.

Gold was the anchor for the world's monetary arrangements. Its logic was that the quality of paper money should be related to the quantity of a commodity in limited supply. Given the small annual increase in the stock of gold the world money supply was constrained and inflation-controlled. Monetarism merely tries to reproduce this discipline on the basis that the growth of money stock should be restricted to the growth of underlying productive capacity. If money growth and production are kept in proper balance prices would then be stable.

Monetarism, based on this simple principle, has been adopted in all the major industrial countries and increasingly among developing countries trying to repair the ravages of the last fourteen years. It is the only available technique to fight inflation in a world without a gold-based currency. Mr Healey brought it to Britain in 1976. Has he so quickly forgotten that in his diatribes against "punk monetarism"?

The Thatcher government is thus not alone in its application of monetary principles to contain inflation. These international policies have been very effective when one remembers

that price increases in the mid-seventies, 1980 and 1981, were more than ten per cent in the industrial world, whereas this year will be under five per cent - three per cent in the United States, two per cent in West Germany and nil in Japan. There can thus be no letting up here in Britain, and at Seoul finance ministers and bankers should attend to that other major source of damage to most economies: high interest rates.

In the United States government bonds yield more than ten per cent in spite of the lowest inflation rate there since 1967. It is the same story elsewhere. Savers and investors appear prepared to borrow money at such a high level of real interest because in their hearts they do not believe that governments have the continuing self-discipline to keep down inflation. High rates aggravate the burden of public and private borrowing. Growth is then inhibited because the dollar is kept artificially high, leading to protectionist noises on Capitol Hill and the threat of a reduction in world trade. A task for those who attend the meeting at Seoul is to clarify their minds about the causes and dangers of high real interest rate - so that the international financial community can work as one to reducing the burden. There is no instant solution to be found in declarations about the American economy; but the more that Washington can be convinced of this paramount need to tackle high interest rates the better.

DANGER: MEN DUMPING

Two years ago a consultative meeting of the contracting parties to the convention on the prevention of marine pollution by dumping of wastes and other matter, the London Dumping Convention for short, agreed by majority vote to call for a two-year moratorium on the dumping of low-level radioactive waste at sea. The marine dumping of high-level nuclear waste was banned absolutely at the outset in 1972.

Last week another consultative meeting decided by a similar majority to prolong the moratorium indefinitely; to alter the burden of proof for lifting the moratorium, from a requirement to show that there is no evidence that the practice as controlled is harmful, to a requirement to prove that it is safe; and to bring into the reckoning political, legal and social considerations as well as scientific and technical ones. A move to make the ban absolute and binding, as for high-level waste, failed. The vexed question of whether the emplacement of high-level waste deep in the seabed counts as dumping and is therefore forbidden by the convention was postponed to another year.

The British Government does not hold itself bound by the moratorium, which is without legal effect. That was the Government's position in 1983, but it reckoned without the National Union of Seamen and other transport unions which refused to handle the stuff. It then shelved its dumping plans and agreed to re-examine the environmental issues in company with the TUC.

The completion of that study, with a comparison of dumping

on sea and land to find the best environmental option, is expected before Christmas. So is a report on the same subject by a Commons select committee. Meanwhile Nirex, the agency that co-ordinates the disposal of all except high-level nuclear waste in the United Kingdom, is about to announce a shortlist of land sites. The one earmarked at Billingham in Cleveland was renounced earlier this year in the face of local opposition. Similar rejections can be expected elsewhere. With land plans more or less stalled, the nuclear industry and its ministerial sponsors are keen to keep the marine option open, with the co-operation of the transport unions if possible, more likely without it.

It used to be thought that the immensity of the ocean would dilute and render invisible and harmless anything thrown into it. It is now as commonly thought that the persistence of radioactivity makes even lightly contaminated material a hazard. The ocean cannot safely neutralize. Both opinions are extreme.

For more than two decades low-level radioactive waste has been dropped in controlled quantities into a designated area in the Atlantic equidistant from Spain and Ireland some 3,000 square kilometres in extent and some 4,000 metres deep. Regular monitoring of the water and marine life adjacent to the site has shown no sign of exceptional radioactivity. The potential collective dose implicated is small in comparison with natural background radiation on land or sea. Models incorporating hypothetical pathways, not known at present, by which radionuclides could lead to human exposure

do not significantly alter the picture.

This is not a guarantee of safety. Twenty years' experience is slight beside the duration of radioactivity. Continuous monitoring is essential, and refinement of techniques. It is right to be wary of anything to do with radiation. But policy must be founded not in irrational dread but on a cautious assessment of the evidence of contemporary science. That foundation does not bear the weight of a total ban on low-level ocean dumping. The Government is justified in keeping the option open.

However, any nation embarking on a nuclear programme should be prepared to consume its own waste. If it is politically incapable of doing so, it should reconsider the suitability of its programme. Ocean dumping within limits may be environmentally more suited to very bulky, lightly-contaminated material, like the fabric of a demolished nuclear power station. But it is not just a convenience for people who are too scared to see to the disposal of any of their own nuclear waste in their own ground.

As for high-level radioactive material, it is at present stored temporarily at nuclear installations, which is the best place for it for fifty years or so. Since it needs to be isolated from the biosphere for hundreds of thousands of years, it is better that it should be retrievable from its ultimate place of disposal in case of later leaching or worse. Until the technology of seabed emplacement admits of that it cannot be considered an appropriate method.

Effect of rates on business

From the President of the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce

Sir, Those of us responsible for managing companies in areas with high rates are regularly bombarded with studies conducted by eminent academicians such as Mr Fothergill and Ms Monk (September 27) purporting to show that the level of rates does not affect our businesses or the number of people we employ. Indeed a more recent study conducted by the Labour Research Department for the Sheffield Council showed that the more money the council spends the happier and more prosperous we all shall be.

These studies have one thing in common, notably a marked reluctance to represent the views of those companies who are actually paying these rates. Study after study conducted by the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce amongst our members has shown that the level of rates has an enormous impact on longer term attitudes towards expansion and investment in the city and that the full effects of this may not be seen for several years.

There may be valid arguments against centralising control of business rates, for chambers such as ours may no longer have the incentive to become involved at local level in the way we have tried to do in the past two years. However, no one need be surprised at the emergence of this proposal, given the irresponsible attitude which some local authorities have shown towards the management of their financial affairs and the scant regard they have paid to the views of industry and commerce.

Yours sincerely,
P. J. FORD, President,
Sheffield Chamber of Commerce,
Commerce House,
Earl Street,
Sheffield,
South Yorkshire,
September 30.

Harrington question

From the Chairman of the Inner London Education Authority

Sir, Your leading article of September 24 is guilty of distorting the facts on the recent report of the Polytechnic of North London in two significant respects. In the first place it seeks obliquely to impugn the independence of the report by suggesting, without any evidence, differences of view between Professor Dahrendorf, whom you rightly depict as courageous, and independent, and the other members, including the chairman, Miss Sheila Browne, the former senior chief inspector and present Principal of Newham College. All members of the committee signed the report.

Secondly, you complain that no mention is made of the role of the politicians of the ILEA. This is quite simply untrue. The report is clear: the committee paid particular attention to these allegations when it considered the relationship between the Polytechnic and the ILEA and has found no evidence of anything abnormal or improper. It is therefore irresponsible for *The Times* to say that Miss Browne and her colleagues did not mention this matter. They clearly did so and found no evidence for the criticism. You may not welcome their conclusion in this particular case. That hardly is justification for saying that the report did not deal with the matter.

Yours faithfully,
ASHLEY BRAMALL, Chairman,
Inner London Education Authority,
The County Hall, SE1,
September 30.

Labour investment aim

From Mr David Lewis

Sir, The proposals (report, September 20) to effectively force substantial monies back into this country for directed investment, on the basis of tax penalties in the alternative, will surely be seen as a step backwards. Little evidence has ever been shown that viable and profitable projects cannot be adequately financed from existing sources.

The obvious effect of such directed investment will be money put into projects which are less profitable than is desirable, with all the inefficiencies and subsidies that inevitably will accrue to any such proposal. One has only to refer to the consequences of the system of control of industrial development through the IDC requirements to understand what almost inevitably is likely to happen.

Investment directed to where the market does not want it to go will, in the end, fail or have to be subsidised so that other efficient enterprises are indirectly paying for them through taxation.

It is presumed that, if there are penalties for overseas investment from this country, an equivalent basis incentives will be made available for those foreign bankers who choose to make money available in this country. One can imagine the answer. They, in practice, would prefer a barrier to be placed around this country restricting movements out and movements in.

The end result would inevitably be higher prices for lower quality, restriction of consumer choice, the expansion of inefficient industries and the penalising of efficient industries. A decade later the same voices will be protesting about the unemployment thus created in areas where the forced investment was directed.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID LEWIS,
76 Gloucester Place, W1,
September 30.

A terminal condition for Liverpool

From the Reverend Peter Brain

Sir, Your readers learned last week that Liverpool's deprivation was on a par with that in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea; now they are encouraged by your headline-writer (feature, October 1) to suppose that a Labour *putsch* - "Stand up to Liverpool's Militants" - will resolve the problem. Our church leaders are right to express a concern at a city tearing itself to pieces; their main point is still that additional resources are required.

It is because both sides have allowed the propaganda battle to interfere with the economic analysis that we are in this latest crisis. The city council "victory" of July, 1984, was modest enough in cash terms; indeed as a gesture to our fundamental problems it was meagre. Yet because of the political interpretation and repercussions even less national support has been forthcoming this year.

Our city's rate-support target was increased significantly, less than the national average; our housing investment programme borrowing allocation was actually cut - only months after the secretary of state had been seen on television

admitting that things were worse than he had supposed.

The church leaders' point on local extremism is sound enough. There is another extremism, beguiling in its apparent common sense, which tells the city to "live within its means" when all the forces of history and geography, all the trends of industry and development are denying us those means. Where is this mythical frontier within which we have to balance our books?

All our older cities are facing this terminal condition. But, partly because it has a century-old dependence on the public sector and partly because it is the least English of all the cities, Liverpool will not "go gentle into that good night".

We may deplore the raging rhetoric, we may tremble at the latent violence, we may simply topple into despair, but (even admitting that militant is part of the problem and not of the solution) we affirm it to be a national and not a local issue.

Yours sincerely,
PETER BRAIN,
Liverpool City Ministry of The United Reformed Church,
9 Barnhill Road, Liverpool.

Press move to Wapping

From the General Secretary of Sogat

Sir, The Tuesday edition of *The Times* carried the full text of the statement made by Mr Murdoch to the union general secretaries when he met them concerning his Wapping development. An unusual step, one might think, especially as a joint company and union press statement was issued after the meeting.

Mr Murdoch's statement reflected his assessment of the situation. Not surprisingly, we see the picture somewhat differently.

It is true that over the years increased jobs have been created on the *News of the World* and *Sun* newspapers - and equally true that the employees have contributed and worked to achieve that growth. And it is correct that investment has taken place - but equally it has to be accepted that the employees' efforts have helped the financial return on that investment, as the latest accounts of the company will show.

However, the appointment at Wapping of management with a record of anti-union attitudes, and the talk of considering alternative means of distribution, which could mean the loss of hundreds of jobs, does not help our members to have confidence in the concern expressed by management for them. And

certainly it does not assist the elected union representatives who are trying hard to make progress to a sensible negotiated conclusion.

We welcome Mr Murdoch's declaration that he wishes to expand his UK newspaper interests and our members see themselves as very much a part of that expansion. Our newspaper industry is going through a difficult time, and the only way to respond and successfully deal with those difficulties - both for the employees and management - is to negotiate their way through them - and quickly.

The meeting with Mr Murdoch on Monday this week was the first positive step in the right direction after nearly a year of no talks at all. We have the commitment and good will to reach a successful conclusion. Mr Murdoch indicated he had, too, and if that joint good will continues then an agreement with the unions on Wapping will emerge.

That would be good for the future of the company, whether you are Mr Murdoch who owns it or one of the thousands of employees whose livelihood and family depend upon it.

Yours etc,
BRENDA DEAN,
General Secretary,
Sogat '82,
273/288 London Road,
Hatchfield, Essex,
October 2.

Assisted places scheme

From Mr Clement Freud, MP for Cambridgeshire North East (Liberal)

Sir, The statements made about the assisted places scheme in your article on public schools (September 23) must not be allowed to go unchallenged.

When the scheme was first introduced, we were told that it would "rescue" bright children from inner cities. The rhetoric has now changed to relying solely upon income as the justification for that "rescue" bid. Lucy Hodges seems to have fallen for the Government's sophistry which would have us believe that income is a sufficient guarantee of educational need. I do not doubt that the children concerned are hardworking and deserving; that parents are genuinely seeking the best for their children, as they see it; or that many of the schools are competent and caring.

But to assume that admitting children from low income households is necessarily equivalent to widening the social base is naive and falls for Government bluster. Philanthropy is no longer a purpose of the scheme; it is now another part of the propaganda designed to undermine further the state system. Like all propaganda, it tends to go unexamined.

Yours etc,
CLEMENT FREUD,
House of Commons,
September 24.

Hung Parliament

From Mr R. R. Feilden

Sir, Following your leader of September 19 on the constitutional implications of a "hung" Parliament, it may be helpful to recall what happened after the general election of December, 1923. This seems to be the closest historical parallel to the scenario recently predicted by the Alliance leaders.

At that election the Conservatives won 258 seats to Labour's 191 with 150 Liberals holding the balance. At the strong behest of King George V the Conservative Prime Minister, Stanley Baldwin, remained in office until the new Parliament met in the following January.

The Conservatives were thereupon defeated on a Labour amendment to the King's Speech, supported by the majority of Liberal MPs. Baldwin immediately resigned and the King asked the Labour leader, Ramsay MacDonald, to form a Government. It is important to note that in sending for MacDonald the King did not consult Baldwin, nor, *pace* Mr David Steel, did he impose any conditions on the Labour leader.

A crucial part in these events was played by the Liberal leader, H. H. Asquith. He refused to do a deal with the Conservatives because of the issue of tariff reform, opposition to which had temporarily united the Liberal Party during the election campaign. He also believed that Labour must be given the chance to govern and that there was the best time for this to happen.

His actions, therefore, whatever their motives, lead no support for Dr David Owen's view that, in the event of a "hung" Parliament after the next election, negotiations for a

Electoral reform

From Mr Anthony Lester, QC

Sir, Mr Geoffrey Smith is right (September 24) to emphasise the need for the Alliance to ensure that its proposed reform of the electoral system and of other parts of our unwritten Constitution have wholehearted public consent.

The Social Democratic Lawyers' Association fully discussed the problem in its detailed proposals, "Reform of the Constitution" (June, 1982). We observed that no such reforms should be enacted lightly or in a partisan spirit: if they are imposed unilaterally by a government majority, other parties will be tempted to commit themselves to reversing them again if they are given the opportunity. Wide consultations and discussion should therefore precede the introduction of all such measures, and the widest spectrum of agreement to their provisions should be sought before they are carried through.

The present Government does not dare to consult the people about electoral reform or other constitutional change (notably incorporation of the European Human Rights Convention). An Alliance Government will need to do so. The British Human Rights Constitution is not the property of any one political party. And we aim to create a system which will be stable and enduring.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY LESTER (Chairman,
Social Democratic Lawyers' Association),
2 Hare Court, Temple, EC4.

New Government must begin with the leader of the party with the largest number of seats.

Yours sincerely,
R. R. FEILDEN,
Allfarthing,
West Street,
Mayfield,
East Sussex,
September 20.

A tourist cross

From Dr I. M. Brown and Mr Peter Davidson

Sir, One can only doubt whether any sorrier indictment could be found of the absence of decency or identity in Scotland than the sticker which the Scottish Tourist Board has distributed this summer.

This offensive object shows the Salfire, or Cross of St Andrew, the upper arms of the cross ending in hands and, above the rectangle of the flag, a fawning and grinning face.

At the centre of the cross is the legend "Happy holidays". Various rainbows and the insane assertion "Scotland's for me!" complete the composition.

Quite apart from any feeling that this is a less than dignified adaptation of a national flag (one might imagine the Cross of St George similarly treated), it is perhaps no coincidence that this summer has been foul enough in Scotland to wash the "tourist industry" away.

This blasphemous parody of the crucifixion of the patron saint of Scotland can only demonstrate that the Scottish Tourist Board (a body who, had they a soul to sell, would already have disposed of it, preferably for dollars) have no respect

ON THIS DAY

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Our Dramatic Critic was A. B. Walkley (1855-1926). The paper's first film critic (in 1927) was Percival Witherby (1871-1956) who combined it at job with lecturing to schools on the history of the Times.

MOTION-PICTURE PLEASURE.

THE DELIGHT OF SPEED.

(BY OUR DRAMATIC CRITIC.) "Motion pictures" is evidently the *chic* name for them, for Charlie Chaplin calls them by it. And it is the right name, too, for the chief pleasure they give is the pleasure of rapid motion.

On the film we are surprised and delighted by seeing human beings moving much more rapidly than they do in actual life. We gain thereby a new sense of freedom and power. We overcome vicariously the limitations of nature. We see a "gentle Knight" pricking on the plain, and he pricks at such a rate that his horse seems to fly and the plain to roll backwards. Escaping prisoners ascend flights of steps or leap from point to point of the battlements in a flash. Motor cars dash from New York to Utopia before you can say knife. The murderer has reached the door - is on the other side - traverses several gilded saloons - races down endless corridors - leaps half a dozen hedges - is at last on the open road - and springs into the local station just as the last up-train comes puffing in - all in the twinkling of an eye. The young couple embark in their frail craft - steer it with easy confidence down the rushing stream - and pass a kaleidoscopic panorama of wooded landscape, scattered cottages, busy port with its black hulls and forest of masts - are swished out to sea among the breakers - then cross the harbour bar (the "caption" quoting a verse from *Thyrsus* - "and a last up by the hump line" - before the band has played the opening bars of "Dixie").

It explains the world-wide glory of Douglas Fairbanks. His first quality is agility. He can run and prance and frisk and swim trees and scale walls and vault into the saddle and leap chasms quicker and more easily than anybody else. Even without the films he would be an admirable acrobat; with their multiplication of speed his feats become miraculous. See his fight in *The Three Musketeers*. Old Dumas himself never suggested so lightning-like a D'Artagnan. And he is working the villainous Gisors in *Robin Hood*, or playing "chase me" with ladies of Richard Lion-Heart's court, or perilling his neck in his adventures in the castle where the fair Lady Marian is held a prisoner. Not Sir Walter Scott nor Peacock ever did it so well as Robin - to say nothing of the Monk of Croydon and Geoffrey de Vinsauf and "the singular Anglo-Norman" M.S. which Sir Arthur Wardour preserves with such jealous care in the third drawer of his oaken cabinet, scarcely allowing anyone to touch it. He is a winning smile, too, and a wondrous set of teeth for the posters. I suppose Douglas Fairbanks is much better known to millions of human beings than William Shakespeare or Napoleon Bonaparte, or even George Robey. We may make, we choose, all sorts of reflections upon that, but at least it proves that the supreme pleasure in the motion picture is the pleasure of motion.

Another pleasure they provide is the luxury of intellectual contempt. They "give us a guide content" to ourselves by their terrible clichés of phrase, their ignorance, sheer fatuity, and atrocious taste of other people. If they offer a version of a novel or a play they laboriously put back everything which the novelist or the dramatist had been at the pains to leave out. Whatever merit there was in the original work in the way of development, perspective, measure, and balance - in a word, the artist's treatment of his subject as a whole - is thereby destroyed. The art of literature has been defined as the art of leaving out; in this sense the film is the negation of it. As to verbal explanations of the obvious, they are the negation of its own art, which should aim at telling a story which speaks for itself. To say nothing of the sickening illiteracy of these captions, their horrible clichés of phrase, their emphasis of the obvious, their flatulence of style, taste, tact, resilience, irony, subtlety - these things are unknown in the film world. Why? Because they would not be recognized, or, if recognized, not liked by the film public. You conclude that the majority of the human race are grossly ignorant and illiterate. But remember that you cannot, in Burke's phrase, "indict a nation".

It may be that somewhere or other, behind my back, a new art of the film is being brought to light, independent and self-contained, avoiding perversions of what has already been expressed by other arts, and successfully expressing what can only be expressed by its own means. A la bonne heure! But I wish some good friend would tell me where to find it.

whatsoever for the history or religion of the country whose interest they claim to promote.

We are, Sir, yours faithfully,
ISABEL M. BROWN,
PETER DAVIDSON,
The Old House,
Crail,
Fife,
September 27.

Passenger pigeons

From Vice-Admiral Sir Anthony Troup

Sir, I don't know about yachting pigeons (Michael Greville's letter of September 24), but I do know about submarine pigeons.

In 1948 I took three pigeons to sea in a submarine from Gosport as an experiment. Submerging in mid-channel for several hours and after turning many circles at depth, we surfaced and released them at thirty miles, well out of sight of land.

After release they circled the submarine three times and then flew straight home to Gosport. Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY TROUP,
Bridge Gardens,
Hungerford,
Berkshire,
September 25.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 2: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this morning visited the Incorporated Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.

Having been received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Merseyside (Wing Commander K. M. Soddart) and the President of the School (Sir David Orr), Her Royal Highness toured the School and was later entertained at luncheon.

This afternoon The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips attended the Annual General Meeting of the Sir Robert Jones Workshops.

Liverpool and afterwards toured the Workshops, escorted by the Chairman of the Management Committee (Mr R. Bates).

Her Royal Highness, attended by the Countess of Lichfield, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 2: The Prince and Princess of Wales, attended by Mrs George West and Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, RN, arrived at Paddington Station this morning in the Royal Train from Swansea.

The Prince of Wales this evening attended a Reception given by the British-Nepal Society to mark the Society's 25th Anniversary at the Banqueting House, Whitehall.

Major Jack Stenhouse was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Help the Aged, this morning visited the Headquarters of Help the Aged, St James's Walk, EC1.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Pre-School Playgroups Association, later launched the "Friend of PPA" campaign at the Hyatt Carlton Tower Hotel, SW1.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, RN were in attendance.

Reception
Britain-Nepal Society

The Prince of Wales, Prince Gyandendra Bir Bikram Shah, Patron of the Britain-Nepal Society, and Princess Komal Rajya Lakshmi Devi Shah were the guests of honour at a reception held yesterday evening at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the society. Sir George Bishop, president, received the guests.

Luncheons
HM Government

Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at Lancaster House at a luncheon in honour of high commissioners.

Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor

Sir Colin Cole, Knight Principal, Garter King of Arms, presided at a council meeting of the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor at Brook's Club yesterday. Lord Fraser of Kilmorack was host at a luncheon, which was held afterwards. Those present included:

Sir Robert Eddon (chairman), Sir David Eddon (vice-chairman), Sir John Howard, Treasurer, Lord Harrington, Sir Austin Allen, Sir Eric Coombs, Sir Crispin Brown, Sir Alexander Durr, Sir Roger Falk, Sir John Gifford, Sir Michael Gifford, Sir Arthur Hault, Sir David Hault, Sir Peter Hault (chairman) and Sir Robert Eddon (chairman).

COURT AND SOCIAL

KENSINGTON PALACE

October 2: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Colonel-in-Chief Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, today received Brigadier Rita Hennessy on assuming her appointment as Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services.

YORK HOUSE
October 2: The Duchess of Kent, as Patron, today visited Seeborn House, Age Concern's Training Resource Centre, and later, as Patron of the British Epilepsy Association, opened the Neuro-Physiological Department at Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Peter Wilmet-Stirwell.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
October 2: Princess Alexandra, President of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, was represented by Miss Mona Mitchell at the Memorial Service for Mr J. K. Thompson which was held in the Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields today.

A memorial service for William Clark, former Vice-President of the World Bank, will be held at 11.45am on Wednesday, November 13, at St James's Piccadilly.

A memorial service for Lord Kilmany will be held at noon on Tuesday, October 22, 1985, at St Margaret's, Westminster.

A memorial service for Professor Hedley Bull will be held at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, on Thursday, October 17, at 2.30pm.

A memorial service for the Dowager Viscountess Falmouth will be held at St Stephen's, Rochester Row, at 2.30pm.

A memorial service for Lady Green will be held at St Lawrence Jewry, next-Guildhall at noon today.

Birthdays today
The Earl of Bradford, 38; Lord Justice Stephen Brown, 61; Mr Christopher Bruce, 40; Lord Denham, 58; Mr R. W. Ellis, 56; Mr Terence English, 53; Mr James Herriot, 69; Mr Ray Lindwall, 64; Lord Pitt of Hampstead, 73; Mr S. Ramani, 51; Mr G. H. Stainforth, 79; Sir John Stow, 74; Mr John Sutherland, 34; Mr Gore Vidal, 60.

Service dinners
Sudan Defence Force Dinner Club

The Sudan Defence Force Dinner Club held their annual dinner at the Club on the evening of October 2.

The President, Brigadier R. H. S. Popham, was in the chair.

RAF Staff College Bracknell
Air Vice-Marshal G. A. White, Commandant of the RAF Staff College Bracknell, and Mrs White, were present at a ladies guest night given last night in honour of visitors from North America. Wing Commander M. A. E. Sellar presided.

Needlemakers' Company
Mr John A. Miller has been installed as Master of the Needlemakers' Company for the ensuing year. Mr S. D. Foster has been installed as Senior Warden and Sir Henry Warner as Junior Warden.

Science report

Gas emission preceded earthquake

By a Special Correspondent

An earthquake of 6.3 magnitude in remote mountains west of Tokyo on September 14 last year, which killed 29 people, was preceded by detectable changes in gas emissions from the ground, according to Ruyichi Sugisaki, an earth scientist of Nagoya University, and Tadamasa Sugisaki, a chemist from Aichi Kyokko University.

They hope that their measurements may be useful in earthquake prediction in other areas of the world.

For some years Sugisaki and Sugisaki had been measuring helium, argon, and methane, and attempting to detect hydrogen, in a spring about 50 kilometres from the epicentre. "Our observations revealed a conspicuous gas anomaly just before the earthquake," they said.

According to the two researchers, the ratios of helium to argon, which are both rare, inert gases, and methane to argon had been increasing with small fluctuations until March 1984.

Then, 40 days before the quake, the ratios dropped abruptly.

At the same time, hydrogen began to emerge from the spring, for the first time in five years of observations. The hydrogen continued to emerge until some two months after the main quake, when the aftershocks had ceased, the researchers say. Peaks in the

variable hydrogen emission during the period corresponded to minor seismic swarms in the area, they claim.

Sugisaki had previously detected cyclic variations in the helium-argon ratio caused by "Earth tides", compressional movements in the solid earth corresponding exactly to the more familiar ocean tides.

The tides squeeze the rocks from which and through which the pore water travels, and so change the formation pressure of the water, and the surface area of the rock with which the water is in contact - and therefore change the water chemistry, Sugisaki and Sugisaki believe.

The stresses underground that caused the earthquake would be expected to have effects similar to Earth tides, and it is these effects that the Japanese say they were detecting 40 days before the quake.

As for the hydrogen, it was probably the result of fractured rocks absorbing oxygen from ground water. Active faults, or regions of earth movement that frequently cause large earthquakes, often emit the gas, the two scientists say. None was observed at the Japanese site until shortly before the earthquake, because the fault there was relatively quiet, they argue.

It seems, therefore, that the

emission of hydrogen may prove to be a useful short-term warning particularly in regions where earth movement is slight and large quakes unexpected.

Other methods for predicting quakes include changes in ground water levels, slight earth tilts, effects on the propagation of seismic waves through the quake region, geoelectric effects (strange lights in the sky at night which have been reported before some quakes), and "seismic gaps" (in long gaps without earthquakes in the quake-prone region means one is due).

Even changes in the behaviour of chickens and other small animals have been said to signal an earthquake, but there was no warning of the September Japanese quake, Sugisaki and Sugisaki say.

They would now propose extended networks of automatic groundwater analysis stations, reporting back to computer-controlled analysis centres. Such networks "may not be useful for all geological settings" but in many areas they may help predict "the location, magnitude and time of a possible earthquake", they say.

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Sale room

Early hunting scene fetches £106,000

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

A large hunting scene by John Woolton, one of the earliest landscape and sporting artists of the British school, was sold by Dreweatts of Newbury yesterday for £106,000 (estimate £40,000 to £60,000).

It has traditionally been known as "Bolingbroke hunting" and has hung in the same house since it was painted for Henry St John, Viscount Bolingbroke, in 1715. It was sent for sale yesterday by a descendant.

Bolingbroke was a prominent statesman of his day although he fell from favour and was exiled in 1715. He was well known for his love of hunting and spent his free time near Newbury where he indulged in hunting and kept his hounds by himself according to Swift.

The painting was relined in the 1950s and is rather dark but it depicts a gay scene of fox, hound and huntsman careering through an elegantly wooded landscape. It was bought by a local resident of the Newbury area.

The sale of pictures totalling £202,000 was held by Phipps and Robinson in 1799. It was bought by a private collector.

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OBITUARY

ROCK HUDSON

Popular Hollywood leading man



Rock Hudson in a Western role

Rock Hudson, the American film actor, died yesterday in Beverly Hills, California. He was 59 and had been ill for some time.

Coming to films without any previous acting experience, he served an apprenticeship in bit parts and B pictures before emerging in 1957, as the top box office star in the United States. He owed his chance initially to an impressive physique - he was 6ft 4in tall - and dark good looks, but he managed to survive early billing as "the Baron of Beefcake" to become an accomplished screen performer, particularly in light comedy.

He was born Roy Scherer in Winnetka, Illinois, on November 25, 1925 and was later known as Roy Fitzgerald before adopting his eventual professional name. After graduating from high school he served in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946, and then took a succession of jobs, including vacuum-cleaner salesman, lorry-driver and postman.

It was through delivering letters to a Hollywood agent, Henry Willson, that he obtained a screen test, and he made his first film appearance in *Fighter Squadron* in 1948.

The best of his early work was in Westerns, including *Where the River Bends*, *Horizons West*, and *The Lawless Breed*, where he was successfully cast against type as a killer trying to live down his past. But it was the cycle of melodramas directed by the expatriate German, Douglas Sirk, that helped to make Hudson into a star.

Magnificent Obsession, from the story by Lloyd C. Douglas of a playboy who causes a woman's blindness and then atones by becoming a surgeon.

The marriage took place on September 1 at Stamford, Lines between Dr Edgar Janis Ladd, son of Mr and Mrs J. Ladd, of Corby, Northants and Dr Catherine Janet Young, daughter of Sir Roger and Lady Young, lately of Edinburgh.

The marriage took place on September 27 at Cambridge on September 27 between Dr Robin Cornack and Dr Mary Beard.

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THE ARTS

Irving Wardle reviews
the Broadway hit *Torch
Song Trilogy*, just open
at the Albery Theatre
in London starring
Antony Sher

Revelations of passion and primal emotion

Aspects of family life:
Ian Sears (left), Antony Sher, Miriam Karlin



Harvey Fierstein has earned his place in American theatre history as the man who released homosexuality from the ghetto and installed it on Broadway. Generations of American playwrights have taken a compulsive interest in the subject, but only to present it in veiled hints, or to depict it as an unfortunate affliction deserving the sympathy of the straight majority. Mr Fierstein was the first to portray it openly as a separate way of life, whose partnerships were "not a Grade B version of heterosexual marriage", and to carry the point triumphantly with mainstream audiences.

So much for capsule assessment. The piece itself presents by no means such a head-on challenge to sexual prejudice. *The Torch Song Trilogy* began life as three separate plays which appeared in the off-Broadway La Mama club between 1978 and 1979. Jointly they tell the tale of Arnold, a drag queen who loses one partner by marriage, another by murder, and winds up introducing a 15-year-old boy to his mother as his adopted son. Individually, however, they tell another story. Traditionally, homosexuals pass in

straight society either by clam-like discretion or by their entertainment value. They had the reputation of being terribly amusing, and quite safe if viewed from an appropriate distance. Arnold, when he first meets him, is just such a figure.

A genuine torch singer, Barbara Rosenblatt, launches the show, in glamorous contrast to the figure of the drag queen. Antony Sher, confronting a squalid dressing mirror and putting the last touches to his toilette. Mr Sher then slowly turns to face us, fishnet stockings revealed under a long slit dress, and presenting a grotesquely painted mask, which he then completes with a flaming auburn wig. "I guess a drag queen's like being an oil painting," he says. "You gotta stand back from it to get the full effect."

As you see, he can point a funny line; and the whole of his opening monologue amounts to a comedy routine. Also, as you would expect, it is the comedy of a defeated outsider. Later, when you see Arnold as a puny figure in jeans desperately awaiting a faithful lover to ring him, and then

cruising a homosexual bar, the same message comes across. It may be deliciously funny (in spite of the AIDS scare) to see Mr Sher trying to light a cigarette while being rhythmically pleased by an unseen partner, but there is nothing challenging in the spectacle. Here, it seems, is one of life's unfortunates, trying to gag his way out of the betrayals and loneliness that await the homosexual. The very title of the first play, *The International Stud*, seems to mark Arnold's dreams down for defeat.

To anyone who guffaws through the first act, the rest of the evening will be disconcerting. Arnold remains himself, Brooklyn wit intact, but the effort to sustain a bright comic surface gradually disappears. So, simultaneously, does the sense of any predetermined plot; the action enters a zone where it can develop in any direction and, where there are no obvious winners or losers. Far from having retreated into marriage, the faithful Ed (Rupert Frazer) has invited Arnold and his new boyfriend home for the weekend; and in the accurately titled *Fugue in a Nursery*

the four characters play out a quartet of changing partnership on a gigantic bed.

It contains flashes of jealousy and accusation; but its prevailing tone is one of affectionate bewilderment. All these people are fond of each other, and their comedy arises from trying to work out how to live together. Theatricality, this is the flabbiest of the three plays; but it is the one in which Mr Fierstein finds the courage to discard sexual stereotype and allow the characters to take over.

He reaps the reward of this decision in *Widows and Children First*, the most substantial play of the three, in which Arnold moves from a socially marginal position to confront the central issues of parenthood and family life, his drag queen career long forgotten. Two new characters arrive, both splendidly drawn: Arnold's mother, descending from Florida for a stupefying encounter with his foster son David, a totally self-possessed homosexual youth with verbal powers to outmatch his adoptive parent.

The collision between Arnold's ménage and the embattled force of

Jewish matriarchy generates a string of blissfully funny situations. At the same time, the piece rises to a passionately truthful climax as Arnold makes a final attempt to break through his mother's immovable defences and get her to acknowledge that he has created a good home. The note of anguished frustration when he meets only moral self-righteousness and emotional blackmail relates the play to all victims of censorious family life. And, following Mr Sher's marvellously resourceful displays of jealousy, narcissism and flirtatiousness (as where, in washing up, he converts a plate into a mirror, and then a fan), it is a revelation to experience such an outpouring of primal emotion.

Robert Allan Ackerman's production is tighter and physically better cast than what I remember of the Broadway version, even though Mr Sher draws the line at stepping into Mr Fierstein's bunny-rabbit slippers. With performances as good as Miriam Karlin as the mother and Ian Sears as David, it no longer seems a one-character play.

Television

British mythologies

Minder (ITV), like *Coronation Street*, is no longer just an ordinary television programme but part of popular British mythology. The characters of Arthur (George Cole) and Terry (Dennis Waterman) have an independent life outside the series.

The theme of last night's episode, *From Fulham with Love*, was that, underneath, your average Russian is just like the rest of us. Even a female political officer - this part was brilliantly played by Rula Laniya - despite her glacial manner, has warm blood flowing in her veins. It is an old idea that all men and women are the same when they are naked, and it can only be good that the British are reminded of this. Add the fact that the true forces of oppression in the episode (as they are every week) were the British police officers Chisholm and Jones, and one can see the radical turn this popular programme is taking.

Do They Mean Us? (BBC 2) will not enter into popular mythology unless there is a special category for worst programmes. I will pass over

the abominable presentation by Derek Jameson because far more important are the backward politics being peddled in this programme. Mr Jameson's point (he only has one) is that the perception of Britain by the foreign media is invariably wrong. From this it is a short step to the conclusion that the reason the foreigners have got it wrong is because they are foreigners. What this implies about British media perception of other countries is naturally not gone into. Perhaps because it is a well-known fact that the British media, alone of all the media in the world, are absolutely impartial, unbiased and accurate in the way they look at the rest of the world.

How can such a programme come to be made? If I were a cynic I would say that those who do the positive vetting at the BBC found Mr Jameson's views entirely laudable and chiming with their own. But I am not a cynic, so I conclude the reason it goes on being transmitted is because no one has noticed how bad it is.

Carlo Gebler

Dance

Twilight Sadler's Wells

There was to have been a new ballet at Sadler's Wells on Tuesday, but it seems that Derek Deane, the choreographer, ran into problems with his chosen music, so the premiere is deferred until next spring and instead Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet revived two substantial duets to plug the gap in the programme.

Twilight first entered the Royal Ballet repertoire in 1973, less than a year after Hans van Manen created it for Alexandra Rados and Han Ebbelaar of the Dutch National Ballet. It is the essence of anti-romanticism: the moon seen dimly, close to the horizon in Jean-Paul Vroom's beautiful backcloth, glows red, we understand, because of fumes from the chemical manufactory that occupies the foreground, and the two dancers are, beneath their polite manners, clawing each other to death in spite (or because) of their desire for each other.

The music is John Cage's attractive and atmospheric score, prepared for piano. *The Perilous Night*, ably played by Hilary

Bell, but her contribution went uncredited in the cast-sheet. This is a rewarding, unusual ballet, and it is a pleasure to have it back in the programme after a long gap. It was also a pleasure to welcome Marcia Haydee and Richard Cragun, who came as guests from Stuttgart for the first two performances. However, I am not entirely sure that they and this duet suit each other ideally.

The brittle intensity with which Haydee performs it might look better in Béjart choreography. Cragun successfully makes the man's role more dominating than usual, mainly by often staring intently away from his partner. Clever, but does it benefit the balance of the characters? I think I shall remember other performances by this couple, and of *Twilight*, more warmly.

As a contrast in style, Leanne Benjamin and Roland Pige danced Balanchine's *Cher Kovsky Pas de Deux*, to music the composer wrote for interpretation into *Swan Lake*. This was the first time Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet had attempted this bravura piece; the dancers were much applauded but I found it unconvincing and hope later in the week to define why.

John Percival

Regional opera

La traviata Derngate, Northampton

With Adrian Slack's restaging of Jonathan Miller's 1979 production, Kent Opera has an unpretentious and respectable *Traviata* to take on its autumn tour. Bernard Cullshaw's sets, notable mainly for the huge white drapes which enclose several scenes like curtains round a hospital bed (not an incongruous simile for this opera), seem to epitomize the feeling of understatement in the production.

That approach works best in the psychological drama of Act II's dialogues, and in the death scene, where Verdi's music hardly needs an accompanying mime-show to convey its emotional meaning. But apart from one smartly-timed champagne-cork pop, in the bar's silence after the orchestral introduction to Alfredo's drink ing song, and some Spanish bullplay (or more accurately bullplay), the party scenes were curiously tame.

Perhaps that was one reason why Louise Kennedy had trouble in the early stages establishing Violetta as either sickly or sinful. She was much better at conveying the brittle state of the misguided lady, both in the *apré-party* de-

pression, where she moodily grasped at empty bottles, and at her moment of death, rather curiously making a supreme effort to embrace a bedpost. Her singing, too, was most effective where she dropped the volume to an affecting half-voice, though she had earlier surmounted the coloratura hurdles cleanly enough.

Patrick Power's Alfredo, stocky in build and solid in voice, seemed credible as the sort of steady fellow a real courtesan might fall for, and there was an equally pleasing vocal performance from Peter Knapp as Germont senior. Here again, however, the transition from moralistic sternness to tender concern at his first meeting with Violetta would have benefited from much stronger delineation.

At least there was no lack of strong sentiment coming from the pit. Ivan Fischer may have hurried his principals unduly through one or two well-loved numbers, but there was a tautness and urgency about his interpretation that surely matches the spirit of poor Violetta's last fling. Indeed, the evening's outstanding feature, and Janet Hilton should have taken a bow with the singers for her lovely high clarinet solo in Act II.

Richard Morrison

Penderecki premiere

The London premiere of Penderecki's Second Symphony, subtitled "Christmas" and widely considered to be a musical expression of the spirit of Solidarity, is included in the 1985-86 season of the YMSO (St John's, March 22). James Blair, the orchestra's principal conductor, directs seven of the 10 concerts, beginning with an Elgar programme in the Festival Hall on October 15.

Guest conductors include James Wood, who brings his acclaimed New London Chamber Choir for a baroque/classical programme (St John's, December 3) which includes the British premiere of Zelenka's *Magnificat* in D, of which the complete score has been pieced together only in recent years, from manuscripts in the Saxon State Library, Dresden. The whole season is sponsored by Unilever.

London opera A Florentine Tragedy/The Birthday of the Infanta Covent Garden

With the mounting of two of his operas at Covent Garden, Zemlinsky's rehabilitation might seem to be assured, but unfortunately history is not so easily rewritten. The second of these Oscar Wilde adaptations, *The Birthday of the Infanta* (or *Der Zwerg* as Zemlinsky called it), surprised many other eyes and ears than mine when the Hamburg production was brought to Edinburgh three years ago. A recording, with much the same cast, only confirmed that this is a wholly remarkable score, and now the restaging of the Hamburg production at the Royal Opera House, once more with Kenneth Riegel courageous and astonishing in the central role, has proved again what a quite particular piece this is: a tragedy of appalling self-recognition, and a work whose power must suggest a deep personal involvement. Zemlinsky saw himself in the mirror of Wilde's tale, and the opera is the sound of his rage and weeping.

But it would be idle to pretend the piece can now take its place in the repertoire. Because it was neglected so long, it feels like an idea we have grown used to thinking of German opera of the 1920s dominated by Strauss, Berg, Hindemith and Schoenberg, and it is hard to put Zemlinsky into the picture retrospectively. Perhaps this is part of the challenge of *The Birthday of the Infanta*, that it undermines our security in knowing what "the repertoire" is. There are, out there in the past, more histories than one.

What will also stand in the way of this opera's acceptance, is more practically, its natural companion piece. It is natural to couple *The Birthday of the Infanta* with Zemlinsky's treatment of Wilde's unfinished verse play, *A Florentine Tragedy*, but this rather earlier opera is not at all so strong a piece of theatre, partly because



Kenneth Riegel: dominating dwarf

the score is much more openly beholden to late Mahler and to Strauss in his moods of *Elektra* frenzy and *Rosenkavalier* waltzing. Maybe those are not bad models, but they seem to limit Zemlinsky's imagination, unless one can blame instead the psychological uncertainty of the action.

There are promising moments in the opera when it looks like becoming a sort of *Huis clos*, but the music swells about being anxious for something melodramatic to happen, and eventually it has its way. One has the impression, not only from this score but also from Zemlinsky's orchestral and chamber works, that he was a wavering creator, one whose art gained force only on the comparatively rare occasions when he was seized by an idea - a musical idea in his Second Quartet, or a dramatic idea in *The Birthday of the Infanta*.

We must be grateful that Sir Colin Davis shows an answering intensity of commitment in both the operas, whose luxuries are savoured even while their thrusts are being driven home. This is the beautiful passion that Zemlinsky, following Wilde, found inside the dwarf. The phrasing is generous, the texture at once rich and clear (spelled a tiny bit only by the spotlighting of the mandolin,

that Mahlerian visitor to both scores).

The operas also look good in the sets designed for Hamburg by Margit Bady, discovered behind a metallic midnight-blue curtain that serves as well for the dark opulence of *A Florentine Tragedy* as for the false glamour of the Infanta's court. Adolf Dresen's production is again distinguished by an austerity of movement in the first opera to balance the bouncing of the princess's identically dressed attendants in the second.

Covent Garden are very sensibly presenting both operas in English, which is a great help in works that are at once unfamiliar and essentially verbal in their dramatic character. It is a pity, though, that much of the advantage is lost, especially in *A Florentine Tragedy*, quite simply because so many of the words are inaudible. In fairness it must be added that Edward Grafts, in the main role of Simone, stepped late in the day into the breach left by the sad death of Guillermo Sarabia. He will surely allow his seductive menace to be more strongly projected in later performances. Kim Begley is a nicely sardonic figure as the noble Guido, and Claire Powell, looking like a temptress out of Egon Schiele (but not, I must make it clear, so posed), sings with ripe tone as Bianca.

The Birthday of the Infanta is wholly dominated by Mr Riegel, who bravely uses his voice and his whole body to portray the dwarf's misshapenness, while yet leaving himself room for wonderful musical phrases that expose his bigness of heart. This is a towering achievement. Celina Lindley as the Infanta has to sing and behave like a mechanical doll, which she does excellently, with an almost vibrato-less, chill porcelain tone. Stafford Dean and Isobel Buchanan ably tread the middle ground of normal humanity, but it is the dwarf who seizes our souls, as he seized Zemlinsky's.

Paul Griffiths

Mitsuko Uchida (right) embarks this weekend on a nine- month Mozartian odyssey: interview by Hilary Finch

Concerto formation

Mitsuko Uchida's complete cycle of Mozart Piano Concertos starts on Saturday, at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, and ends on June 3. Even the most dedicated of subscribers will find it difficult to sustain, over 10 concerts in nine months, the sense of order and patterning which the cycle's plan yields so satisfactorily on paper. Uchida herself, though, must, and doubtless will.

Miss Uchida's personal life is planned with an equally serious delight in order, harmony and selection. Her studio, off the Portobello Road, is a simple pattern of brown, black, cream, the odd smudge of indigo. Colour distracts her concentration: bouquets are relegated to below stairs. The order of the concertos is planned similarly: according to patterns of tonality, types of slow movement, finales; and her time away from them is no less minutely ordered. Reading? "No. Not when the season begins! It is too stimulating - in the wrong way. I look at poetry: it is short enough to focus my attention on one particular thing. That's it. That, and then something that keeps your mind ticking over, without any emotional input, such as grammar books, or reading bridge hands. Playing bridge is too exciting."

"This cycle, any cycle, is a very special thing to do. A responsibility you have to justify at each concert. And the sheer accumulation of each concerto builds up a physical memory: you suddenly see things, particularly harmonic relationships, in a different light. And tempo - the most difficult of all problems - that settles down. There are so many allegro first movements: just one allegro maestoso, one allegro vivace, two allegro apertos, one alla breve - everything else just straight allegro. Only when you prepare all of them, under pressure, do you find that balance of tempi."

With complete cycles of the Sonatas, live and recorded, under her belt, and with concerto recordings planned with Jeffrey Tate, Uchida is tackling Mozart comparatively early in her career. But she has been living with him, consciously or subconsciously, ever since she was five. It started with his song "Das Veilchen", on a wind-up 78 player at home



in Japan; K395 followed as her first concerto at 12; K467 as her first with orchestra in Vienna, where she went with her diplomat father, studied and lived for 10 years. Valuable years? "Interesting, yes, but limited. Vienna has a copyright on every composer of German-speaking origins. It was a strange but very important experience."

If only for provoking her to make her own lasting discoveries - Fritz Busch, Casals, Szegedi, Enescu - outside Vienna, and to provoke her into independent thought and response. Like her conviction of the rightness of directing from the keyboard in live performance: "Normally, with a conductor, one becomes the soloist, which is totally wrong. Right and wrong. After all, how many soloists are there in the orchestra? All those woodwinds. What fantastic pleasure it is actually to see them in front of you and accompany them, rather than having to catch their eye. In the first movement of the K459, I'm their accompanist. That's that."

Does she feel directing from the keyboard is closer to Mozart's intentions? "I'm not aiming at authenticity. Other people might do, but I don't. Because everything is guesswork. We must try to figure out why a composer wrote a particular piece in a particular style at a particular time, and to that there can be no clear-cut conclusion. How is one to be sure that your 'authentic' reading, your translation of that 'authenticity', is indeed authentic?"

Uchida will use the Bärenreiter edition, checking on the new Eulenberg scores where they are available; she will play Mozart's cadenzas where they exist; she will have various of her own carefully prepared improvisations up her sleeve, and then: "I may use them; I may not. You are never sure of any performance until the note comes up. I simply try to be as truthful as possible in my limited understanding. Alfred Cortot played all the wrong notes - but his is still the most inspired Schumann I've heard in my life. The performances that mean most to me are those that move me in spite of themselves. Now my aim is not to play as many wrong notes as possible, but..."

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RACING: SONIC LADY SHORTENS FOR 1,000 GUINEAS AFTER CHEVELEY PARK'S SURPRISE RESULT

Home Blade can show rivals his cutting edge at Newmarket

By Mandarin

Home Blade, all at sea on the heavy going when trailing nearly last in the Ayr Gold Cup, will find Newmarket's fast conditions much more to his liking today when he contests the six-furlong Bassettwaite Handicap for three-year-olds.

Earlier Home Blade, trained by the Newmarket-based Frenchman, Olivier Douhet, had won twice at Headquarters, beating Sailor's Song, and more recently scorching home by two and a half lengths from Lyric Way in the Shalfleet Handicap.

Both of those victories were on the July course and now I expect this speedy son of Home Guard to register his first success on the Breyer Stakes course at the expense of Zanata.

Michael Stoute's challenger came with a strong run to get within a neck of Young Inca in the William Hill Handicap at Ascot last Friday.

Luca Cuman's Old Country, winner of last season's Jockey Club Cup, attempts the double this afternoon, but I anticipate the finish to be dominated by two junior members of the party, Life Peer and Oberatura.

Henry Cecil must have been delighted with the way Life Peer stayed on so stoutly to beat Salient (a winner since) and his stable companion, Royal Coach, over a mile and a half at Doncaster last month. But I have slight preference for Oberatura, who showed stamina was her forte when gamely overhauling Easter Lee in the two mile, three furlongs Goodwood Stakes.

The unbeaten Oberatura, taken out of the Cesarewitch, to run in this event, receives all the allowances as a three-year-old filly and the Guy Harwood's hope looks a perfect ride at Willie Carson off 8st 11lb.

The Tom Jones trained

Outsider Embla flies home for Cordero

By Michael Seely

Angel Cordero, the New York champion jockey, staged a spectacular late run on the 14-outside Embla, to snatch victory from the favourite, Kingscote, in the Tattersalls Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket yesterday.

"We knew she was pretty good but she was stopping up in class," said the 42-year-old Puerto Rican. "The filly was badly drawn. She overcame that, she overcame me and she finished like a rocket," he said.

Passing the bushes as Rose of the Sea, Storm Star and Asteroid Field were duelling for the lead, Pat Eddery on Kingscote looked on for victory. Embla was poised to challenge several lengths behind this trio. At this point Cordero was on the outside of the 14 runners even further back than Kingscote.

Kingscote quickened smoothly to lead, leaving the dip, but then made heavy weather of asserting her superiority. Sweeping smoothly up the hill, Embla went about 30 yards from home to win by a length.

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Rose of the Sea finished a length away in third place. Then came Asteroid Field, Park Express and Storm Star.

Cordero, already with over 300 winners to his credit in the States this season, arrived in England on Monday and was intending to fly back to New York on the 7pm Concorde flight last night. "I'm riding at Belmont tomorrow," he said. "I came over here to try and get rides in the two Breeders Cup races on turf. I'm already fixed up in the dirt event."

Luca Cuman booked Cordero soon after his arrival in Britain. "He's a world class jockey, so I figure that he'd be good enough for me. Lester Pigott told me that he wanted to ride Embla," he said.

Ron Storer's filly won at Kempton. For once he was loyal, but it didn't pay off.

Embla's victory created the biggest surprise of this race since Night Off won at the same price in 1984. "She made hard work of winning her second race at Rippon in August," the trainer went on. "I knew she was still growing, so I gave her a rest. She'd been working well, so I thought we'd better try and find out if she was good enough for this company."

Like last year's winner, Park Appeal, Embla was also sold by Tattersalls, the sponsors of the only group one race for two-year-old fillies at Newmarket. "I liked the filly tremendously," said the trainer. "And when Charles St George paid 46,000 guineas for her, we were the underdogs. Sara told him that we admired her, so we



Angel Cordero clearly delighted with his first Newmarket victory, achieved on 20-1 chance Embla in the Tattersalls Cheveley Park Stakes (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

the season that he wouldn't even leave the stable yard. I had him cut in June."

Khaled Abdullah, the owner of Cambridgehire 10-1 joint-favourite Tremblant, strengthened his hand for Saturday's £30,000 added

handicap when buying Bold and Beautiful in a private deal yesterday. The filly, who is quoted at 11-1 third favourite by the sponsors William Hill, will remain with trainer Gavin Pritchard-Gordon and will be partnered by George Duffield.

Fontwell Park

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In June 1984 the largest employer in Western Europe embarked on one of the largest management recruitment exercises ever undertaken, an exercise that is still entering its most critical phase. The employer is the National Health Service. The exercise - to find almost 1,000 general managers to manage around a million staff and the £14.5 billion budget of this enormous organization.

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So how does an organization like the health service set about finding general managers? More importantly, what does it expect them to achieve when they are appointed? And how does it help them to develop the skills for the job?

The background to the appointments lies in the Government's decision to implement the recommendations of the Griffiths report on the management of the health service. Sir Roy Griffiths, managing director of Sainsbury's, and his team, which included finance and personnel specialists as well as a former regional health

authority chairman, identified a number of weaknesses in the management of health authorities. The consensus teams which were formerly the senior management focus at every level did not provide effective decision-taking. Too many decisions were referred upwards. Many key issues were not getting the right degree of management time devoted to them.

The Griffiths report made a number of detailed recommendations for overcoming these failings. Underlying all of them was a recognition of the need to introduce a general management function into the health service.

This would allocate personal responsibility for drawing together planning, implementation and control of performance to a single person at each level of the service - the general manager.

There was general support from inside and outside the health service. The Government asked health authorities to implement the recommendations.

The identification of general managers was the first key task. They were to be appointed at the three main management levels of the health service - the 14 regional health authorities, the bodies responsible for strategic planning, some with budgets of more than £1 billion; the 191 district health authorities with responsibility for

The appointment of 1,000 general managers in the National Health Service will set new standards, says Victor Paige



planning and delivering services at the local level with budgets of about £50 million; and most important, the 700 or so units, the hospitals, clinics and health centres in which patients are treated.

The first two tiers of health service appointments are now nearly completed. Recruitment of unit general managers is now getting underway, providing what I believe is the greatest challenge of all.

Also established was the health service management board of which I was appointed chairman. Its members include those with direct experience of health authorities, medical and nursing skills, the DHSS and four recruited from outside.

They include Ian Mills, a senior partner of Price Waterhouse as director of financial management,

indications are that the clinical professions will become involved increasingly at unit level.

Doctors, nurses and other professional clinical staff are traditionally accustomed to managing the treatment of a patient. Now, with the opportunity presented by the introduction of general management, they are beginning to confront the task of managing a full service - and using their previous experience at the sharp end of delivering care to good effect.

Professional organizations, such as the British Medical Association, have been encouraging their members to come forward and the number of professionals appointed so far - sometimes on a part-time basis combining general management and clinical responsibilities - has been relatively encouraging. We would like to see more appointed. I certainly hope that the success of their colleagues will make many more doctors and nurses realize their own potential as managers in the future.

In searching for the right general manager, health authorities are not simply looking at their own resources, but as with the management board they are spreading the net as widely as possible to interest those who perhaps had not previously even considered a career in the health service.

The range of backgrounds of those

entering the health service for the first time is remarkable - industrialists, commercial managers, management consultants, chief executives from local government, officers from all three armed services.

Of course, there is a great deal for them to learn when they take up their posts - as I have discovered myself during the past nine months - but they have a great deal to offer as well. They are bringing fresh perspectives and ideas to bear on the major issues facing the health service both locally and nationally.

It takes a good manager to run an operation the size of a university teaching hospital or to plan the rundown of outmoded psychiatric institutions and their replacement by modern facilities in the community. But the potential satisfaction for the individual is equally great.

To support this major programme of change we are having to look carefully at the requirements for management development and training, both in the short and long term. The largest management recruitment exercise ever undertaken will need to be backed by a significant programme of management education.

This will be a major priority for the new personnel director on the health service management board. He in turn will be able to call on the resources of the health service

training authority which is providing for the training needs of new appointees and reviewing future management training requirements.

It is the community as a whole that benefits. The introduction of general management is a positive attempt to improve facilities for the people we serve.

As I have travelled up and down the country in the past nine months visiting hospitals and clinics, talking to staff and patients, the skill and dedication of our professionals and the support of the community for the health service is apparent.

But there is danger that we may take that support for granted. There are problems. Some are substantial. We have to re-allocate resources from some parts of Britain that are relatively over-resourced to others less well served. That demands skilful management.

The new managers will need the traditional skills of the trade - effective use of resources, both financial and staff, planning, the ability to communicate effectively. Above all, the general manager in the health service is in the management of change - visualizing it, planning it and implementing it. There is a great deal to be done and it needs the very best managers to do it.

Victor Paige is chairman of the National Health Service management board.

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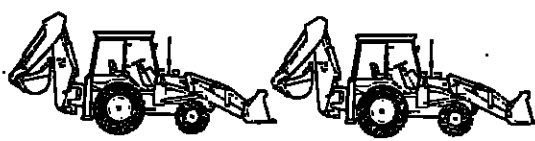
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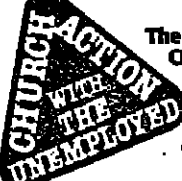
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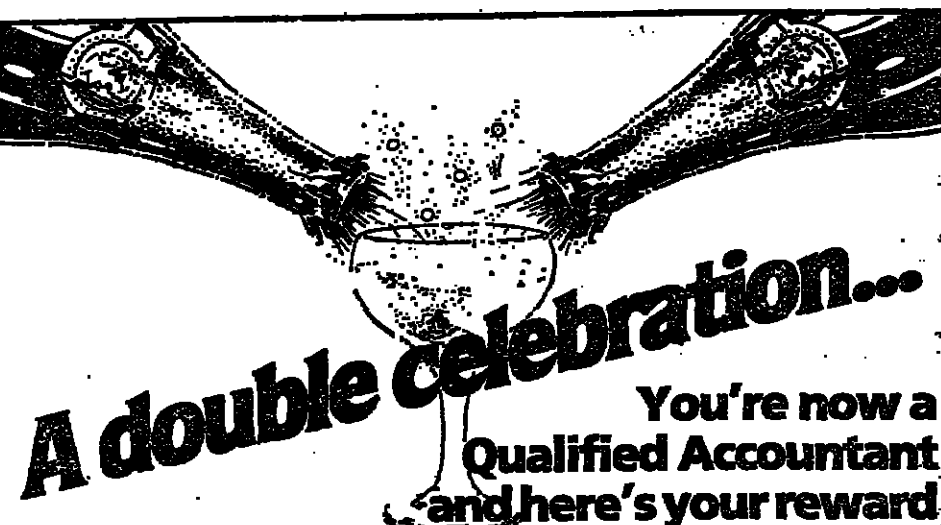
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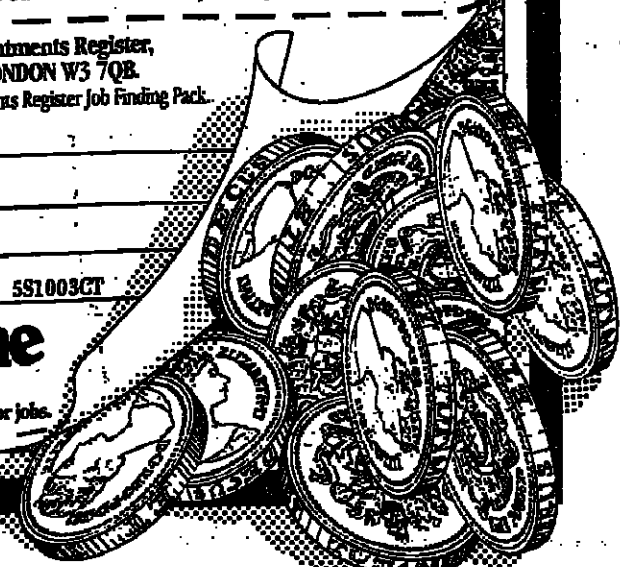
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Last week Richard Hornsby, aged 38, and a former road haulage manager, took the biggest and riskiest step of his life.

With four other men and about 30 women he is starting, as a mature student, a year-long "Alternative Admissions" course at Birmingham Polytechnic.

Richard's aim is to become a teacher. He has no previous educational qualifications. Nor has he any guarantee that this Alternative Admissions course will definitely lead to the teacher training course, his eventual goal. What he does know is that his vocation in life is to work with children in a classroom.

"I'm selling my house and giving up the company car, and the family will be living on very little money for the next five years," says Richard. "But I can't go on saying, 'If only I'd had the courage before...'"

Richard Hornsby is exceptional in the amount of material benefits he is giving up to become a mature student. Typically, the mature person on a degree course is an early middle-aged woman looking for fresh challenges after child-rearing. But this may be changing. The number of men on the

Colleges have recently struck a rich new vein of mature talent, as Edward Fennell reports

education clearly grips the imagination of many in middle age who neglected, or did not aspire to, higher education as teenagers.

Undoubtedly, wider horizons for women have contributed to this. Some degree courses, particularly in "non-vocational" subjects such as Fine Arts, are almost dependent on older women as the staple for their survival. At Kingston Polytechnic between a quarter and a third of students on the Modern Art course are in that category.

But mature students are not just interested in enriching their lives through cultural study. For many people, such as Richard Hornsby, it is a brave attempt to redirect their lives and establish a new career before it is too late.

Fortunately, college authorities at both universities and polytechnics are generally sympathetic to older applicants. Mature students have a good track record for hard work and serious study. Unlike 19 year olds, they are usually undistracted by an excess of parties, alcohol, sport, or the opposite sex. Their motivation and commitment tends to be at a much higher level. And their attitudes towards their tutors tends to be more mature and positive. As one English literature university admissions tutor commented: "I'm always delighted to receive applications from older people - they're so much more interesting to work with."

The reception given to older students when they make their preliminary enquiries about entrance can be very important. Richard Hornsby reports that when he went for his preliminary discussion at Birmingham Polytechnic he was most impressed by the quality of advice he received. "The admission tutor I saw at the poly was extremely helpful and clearly accustomed to dealing with applicants like myself. It boosted my confidence considerably."

It is often claimed that polytechnics are more sympathetic than universities to older applicants. Certainly the Universities' Central Council on Admissions, in its booklet *Mature Students and Universities*, goes out of its way to emphasize that universities "welcome mature students because of their particular contribution to the life of a university."

On the other hand, universities in general do seem happier sticking to the traditional, predictable, A-level qualified 19-year-old school-leaver. Paul Van Rossum is certain that his polytechnic colleagues are likely to be far more receptive to the older person.

"Polytechnics are accustomed to having the older student on the premises - partly because we run so many part-time courses - so it seems entirely natural to have over 25-year-olds on our degree courses," he says.

Polytechnics are often more flexible as regards formal entry qualifications. The universities stress that older applicants are in direct competition with school leavers, whereas many poly admissions tutors regard the mature student as in a separate category.

Obviously, one problem for the older person is to adjust to a teacher-pupil relationship again and to comply with regulations and instructions. Richard Hornsby confesses: "When I attended a preliminary day course on life as a full-time student, I found it hard to forget that I was a manager with a company car and a secretary."

Breaking new ground and old habits

"When I start the course in earnest I will lose all that and have to accept my status as somebody who is starting right at the bottom."

Getting into the habit of working in libraries, writing essays and participating in seminars can also be demanding. For the person who has been in a senior position in their career it is a matter of learning a little humility and patience. For the "returning mum" it may be more a matter of steeling one's nerves and throwing off an excess of shyness.

"When I arrived on my first day at college I really wondered what I'd let myself in for," commented one woman in her 30s. "But I soon realized that those 18-year-olds were more nervous of me than I was of them. Once we had broken the ice we all got on very well."

As an increasing number of adults apply for higher education, educators are becoming better at dealing with their queries. Some areas, such as Birmingham, have adult education advisory centres to help people take the first steps. Elsewhere, the Careers Service can provide advice. But people like Richard Hornsby need all the assistance they can get. After all, would you give up your house and company car for the sake of study?

The 'second chance' that grips the imagination

Birmingham course is starting to increase and at Kingston Polytechnic even the registrar, Paul Van Rossum, expresses surprise at the number of men on some of their courses.

"In Applied Social Studies we have nine mature students out of a total of 55 admissions," he says by way of example. "Of those nine there are four men and five women, a higher proportion of men than I would have expected."

But it is the proportion of mature students in general which comes as a surprise. There is still a long way to go before reaching the "continuing education society" in which people return to higher education, to start afresh, as part of a regular pattern of life. Nonetheless, the model of higher education as being the prerogative of youth is obsolete. Almost a quarter of those starting on degree courses are men aged over 21 and around 15 per cent are over 25. Whereas the number of undergraduates in total is decreasing, the number of mature students is rising rapidly. Between 1970 and 1983 the numbers starting on degree courses increased by 62 per cent for men and by 25 per cent for women.

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